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Mr. May declared that the conference considered all sections of defence, including aircraft.—*Reuter.*

Easy-to-make BISCUITS

RUB 1/2 lb. of butter into 1/2 lb. of flour. Add 1/2 teaspoonful of baking powder and 1/4 lb. of sugar, 2 small eggs and 2 teaspoonfuls of treacle. Roll out to 1/4 in. thick. Cut into rounds and bake 20 minutes in a moderate oven.

VARIATIONS: Flavour with (1) lemon essence, or (2) half a teaspoonful of mixed spice. Or (3) half a teaspoonful of nutmeg. Or (4) half a teaspoon of cinnamon. Or (5) 2ozs. of desiccated coconut. Or (6) 2ozs. of ground almonds. Or (7) 2ozs. of currants or sultanas. Or (8) 2ozs. of chopped nuts. Or (9) half a teaspoonful of ground ginger.

Using Pastry Scraps

ALL housewives who go in for pastry-making know how difficult it is sometimes to find a use for the scraps and trimmings of pastry that remain after a pie or tart has been covered. The following recipes offer suggestions for the solution of the problem.

Rissoles in Pastry

For these, besides the scraps of pastry, you will require some cooked sausage meat, or mince, or fish, bound with a spoonful of thick sauce. Roll out the scraps of pastry as thin as a sixpence, and cut into rounds. Brush the rounds over with beaten egg, and put a teaspoonful of the meat mixture in the centre of each. Fold the pastry over, and press the edges together.

Brush all over with beaten egg, toss in vermicelli, and fry to a golden brown in smoking hot fat. Serve on dish paper, garnished with parsley.

Banana Cream Pie

Ingredients:—Scraps of pastry; Two bananas; Two eggs; Grated rind of one lemon; Half-pint milk; 1 1/2 ounce flour; 2 1/2 ounce caster sugar; Juice of half a lemon.

Roll out scraps of pastry to make a "rim" round a pint pie-dish. Decorate rim with small rounds of pastry, and brush over with milk. Break flour to a smooth paste with milk. Bring the remainder of milk to boiling point, and add flour, stirring till smooth. Cool slightly; add the yolks of eggs and sugar, and cook gently for few minutes. Add bananas (sliced), also lemon, and pour into dish. Cook gently 30 minutes till mixture is firm; then pile stiffly—beaten whites on top—and dredge with caster sugar. Allow meringue to set for few minutes in cool oven.

Cheese Straws

The best pastry for this is a rich short crust. Knead into it as much grated cheese as it will take up (Parmesan is best); add a little more salt, and a pinch of cayenne, and roll out in a strip of about quarter-inch thick and three inches wide. Cut into straws, and bake in a moderate oven till a golden brown.

Individual Ham and Egg Pie

Divide your left-overs in two, and roll each half into a thin round. With one round line a saucer, and fill about three-quarters full with bacon cut in strips with sauce. Now break up the egg into a bowl, and whisk slightly. Pour over bacon, and season with salt and pepper. Lay the other pastry round on top, brush over with beaten egg (a very little of whisked egg may be kept back for this purpose), and bake in a moderate oven about twenty minutes till lightly browned.

Sardine Rolls

Sardines; Cayenne pepper; Grated cheese; Salt yolk of egg; Scraps of pastry.

Drain sardines and roll in grated cheese. Roll out pastry thinly-cut into squares. Lay sardines in pastry squares. Season, damp edges, and fold over. Glaze with yolk of egg, and bake in a hot oven 15 minutes.

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EVERYBODY EATS

—but how many know what to eat?

CONSIDERING the important purpose of food, the proportion of our time given to its study, preparation and consumption is not at all out of reason.

During the last 30 years certain conclusions regarding food substances have been arrived at by biochemists and physiologists.

There is nothing perplexing or complicated about the facts known, nothing that cannot be reduced to the simplest practicable terms for the ordinary household.

Variety That

Ensures Fitness

ACTUALLY, an easy understanding of the components of a complete diet is simple to attain.

And, applied habitually, it will not only ensure fitness instead of debility, but will also suggest a pleasant variety in the daily fare.

Remember that the essential body-building foods or proteins are to be found in lean meat, fish, eggs, cheese and milk.

The pulse vegetables—dried peas, beans and lentils also contain proteins, though of slightly less nutritive value than their animal equivalent.

FUEL FOODS

CARBOHYDRATES, in which category come starches and sugars, is the term which stands for fuel foods, which afford heat and energy while never becoming part of the living tissues, being burnt up in the body.

Carbohydrates are turned to sugar during digestion, so are therefore of equal nutritive value.

Mainly composed of carbohydrates are: flour of wheat, oatmeal, sugar, treacle, honey, jam, custard powders, breakfast cereals, certain fruits and vegetables.

By GRACE WILSON

Fats are also fuel foods—valuable in moderation, though the digestion may be upset by too high a proportion of fat in the diet.

A day's meals, well-planned, should be balanced in the proportion of two-thirds carbohydrate to one-sixth fat and one-sixth protein, dry weight.

A certain amount of water should be drunk daily, and while most foodstuffs contain water, a consumption of from four to six pints, inclusive of other liquids, will benefit the system and help counteract poisons by washing away waste material.

Provided there is enough variety in the total foodstuffs eaten, the adequate amount of mineral salts will be supplied in them.

The Vitamins You

Eat in Fruit

THEN there are fresh fruits and vegetables, the supreme importance of which as valuable adjuncts to the diet can scarcely be sufficiently stressed.

As a source of the various constituents in lesser or greater degree they are hardly less vital than as suppliers also of those chemical substances so essential to life—vitamins.

Though it would be impossible here to list all the foodstuffs which vitamins are found, and there are, incidentally, diet cards obtainable on which the complete table has been drawn up, it might be useful to instance one or two.

Liver, cod and other fish oils, fish roe, some brands of margarine, and egg yolk, are rich in Vitamins A and D.

Vitamin C is supplied largely in oranges, lemons, grape fruit, swedes and carrots, tomatoes, blackberries, pineapples, raspberries. Vitamins A

and C are present in green vegetables. Wholemeal bread, the pulses, yeast extract, oatmeal, whole barley, watercress, potato, leek and parsnips have been found to contain Vitamin B.

To serve plenty of potatoes, some wholemeal bread, and a little fruit in every household daily is desirable. Offer children an orange occasionally instead of sweets.

Less white starchy food and sugar could be eaten in the majority of homes with advantage, and some greenstuff or tomato should sometimes be provided at tea-time in place of jam.

Beef Loaf

1 1/2 lb. beef, 1 small onion, 4oz. raw ham or bacon, 1 pickled walnut, 1 egg, 1/4 teaspoonful made mustard, 4oz. breadcrumbs, 1 teaspoonful chopped parsley, a little grated allspice and nutmeg, a little meat glaze.

Mince meat, chop onion, and put in a basin with the other ingredients—the walnut cut up.

Bind with the beaten egg to form a fairly stiff mixture.

Put the mixture into an oblong cake or bread tin, well greased, and cook in a moderate oven for two hours. After removing from oven, press with a weight for several hours till loaf is cold. Remove and brush over with meat glaze.

Fruit Milk Pudding

SPRINKLE 1 1/2oz. seed pearl tapioca into a pint of boiling milk. Simmer till transparent and cooked. Add 1/4oz. sugar and the yolk of an egg.

Put the fruit content and half the juice from a tin of strawberries, raspberries, loganberries, or black currants on to the bottom of a pie dish. Pour over tapioca mixture.

Whip up 1/2 egg white, fold in a tablespoonful of sugar, and arrange on top. Finish in a moderate oven for twenty minutes.

Children's Main Meal

Egg and Potato Casserole. Steamed Spinach. Fresh Fruit in Jelly.

Sausage Hot-Pot

1 lb. beef ribs or stewing steak, 2 sausages, 2 carrots, 1 turnip, 1 onion, 1 or 2 leeks, 1 lb. potatoes, dripping, stock.

Put the cut up meat till golden brown. Cover with a little stock, and add vegetables cut into pieces, season and simmer slowly for an hour. Then add sausages, cut up and rolled in flour, and the potatoes cut in halves, and cook for another hour or so till ready.

Breakfast

Cereal with sliced orange. Potato and Fish Cakes (freshly made). Honey Wholemeal Toast.

Tea Time

Watercress and tomato sandwiches.

Main Meal

Sausage Hot Pot. Sprouts. Baked Apples (filling of chopped raisins and a pinch of cinnamon). Baked Custard.

Breakfast

Herring Roast on Toast. Fresh Fruit. Cribspread or Toast. Marmalade.

Main Meal

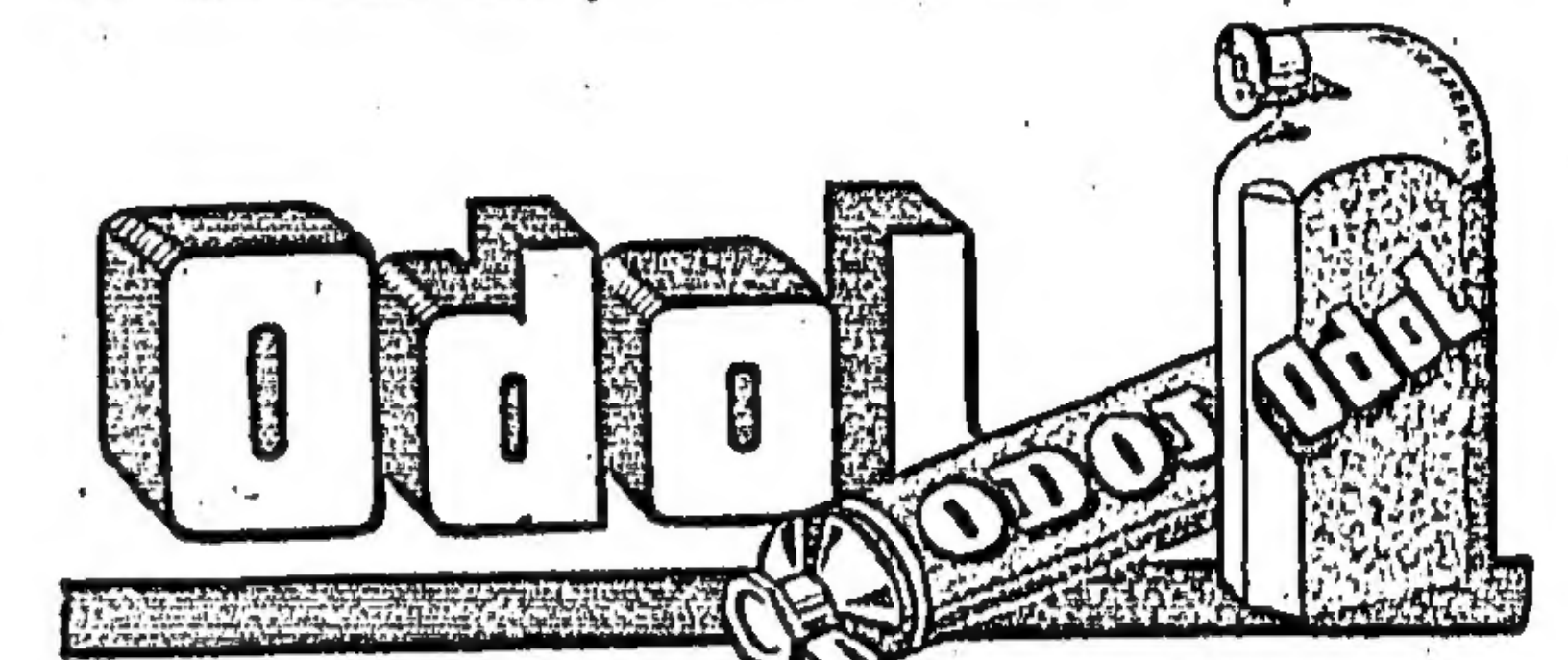
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Are Clever Women Dull?

DESPITE the frankness and friendliness of a modern world, there are still men who are scared of a clever woman. They doubtless imagine that she takes life too seriously, and that half an hour's conversation with her will ensure them an attack of the "blues."

That their fear of crossing, concerning words with her is in itself an indictment—they are willing to forget. They feel themselves to be on safer ground with the flirtatious blonde who knows all the answers and none of the back answers to those tales which they have told with such monotonous regularity.

In 1750 there was a Blue-Stocking Society, so called because at its meetings evening dress was "optional" and the men might wear ordinary blue worsted stockings instead of the more conventional black silk. Literary, or what we might call "high-brow" talk was the order of these informal evenings, the ever-popular card-playing being considered the province of low-brows. The term "blue-stocking" was subsequently applied to any man or woman with pretensions to literary tastes or learning.

This disposition to regard a clever woman as a Miss Sober-Sides probably dates from those days when a recently and hardly won emancipation set the then modern girl thinking of her new obligations. And from the beginning of the century right up to the present day it seems that every blue-stocking is required to prove herself the charming exception to this rule of universal dullness. For the fallacy that clever woman must of necessity be dull and unattractive dies hard.

Divided Types

It is our misfortune that even at this late date those who like the thrilling stuff of mink and labelled and segregated, still divide women into two main types; the frivolous and the serious-minded.

Some men ask for neither beauty nor brains, but just an ability to cook well or arrange the flowers nicely. I should hate to discourage them, but it seems to me that they, like many other bachelors, may have been judging us by our all-too-deceptive appearances. Even good cooks (if they also contrive to be clever and attractive women) seldom wear their soufle secrets on their sleeves.

There is, after all, no one so boring as the woman who is preoccupied with so-called feminine things, whose first thought is devoted to all the frills and frounces of a trivial world. The really clever woman puts these interests in their proper, unobtrusive places. Cleverness, like good cooking, cannot stand alone, however, and the blue-stocking without general intelligence and a sense of humour inevitably lacks charm, especially if she makes a parade of her particular form of cleverness. But the same may be said of man.

Encouraging a "Complex"

Many a clever woman in the past has been given either an inferiority or a superiority complex by a

family who insist on regarding her as "one apart," and possibly above the ordinary humanities. Either complex may well prove a brake on the full use of her talents.

There was the case of the woman novelist who for years hid the shamed face of her serious writing behind a non-de-plume. Her family were quite unaware of the extent of her activities, though most of her earnings were quietly slipped into the home to grease the educational wheels of young brothers and sisters.

Then she married, and while the mood of enchantment was strong upon her, the "knocked-off" a romantic novel. It was published under her own name, and to her astonishment proved a mild best seller. Publishers and public sat back and asked for more.

A "Dark" Secret

With the demand for her novels increasing, she naturally had very little time for the study and research which her more serious work involved. Moreover, since her husband knew her as the author of what library assistants call "something light," she felt that she had better continue in the same vein and keep him in ignorance of her other self.

Her secret was only discovered, when she was ill and her husband attended to her correspondence for her. An urgent letter from her first publishers showed that people were asking for more of her serious writings, but the interesting thing was that her husband had been reading and enjoying her non-fiction work for years, without ever suspecting the identity of the author.

Reputations are uneasy garments for everyday wear, and the reputation for being clever may be as difficult to live up to as a reputation for being beautiful or being funny. The plain truth is that it is tiresome to have to be anything all of the time.

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Jekyll and Hyde Brother

Ex-Army Officer Who Had Two Sides To His Character

SUICIDE AFTER SHOOTING HIS SISTER DOCTOR —

A DRAMATIC story was told at Richmond Coroner's Court recently of an Army ex-officer with "two very definite sides to his character, like Jekyll and Hyde," who shot his sister and then killed himself in his brother-in-law's home in Queen's-road, Richmond. The inquest was on

Maurice Odell Tribe, 43, and her sister Dr. Naomi Dancy, 49.

Verdicts of murder and suicide while the balance of Tribe's mind was disturbed were returned.

The coroner, Dr. W. J. Lord, sat with a jury of men. Mr. D. K. Birt appeared for Mrs. Tribe, widow of Mr. Maurice Tribe, and Mr. J. H. Dixon for Mr. John Dancy, who was the first witness.

His wife, he said, was Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Hammersmith, where she had worked for 16 years. They had three children.

Maurice Tribe, an ex-officer, was married, but, by agreement, was living apart from his wife, who resided in a town in the West of England.

The Coroner: Was Maurice Tribe always a heavy drinker?—He had always been a heavy drinker since receiving head injuries in the war. He lost one eye and was losing the sight of the other.

Dr. Dancy said that he and his wife thought it their duty to keep Tribe, and had been giving him eye injections every Monday for six months.

His brother-in-law's failing vision was due to smoking and drinking. Ten days before the tragedy Tribe's wife found him lying unconscious in his room at Buller-square, London.

PREVIOUS THREATS "SORRY AFTERWARDS"

Dr. Dancy said that Tribe had at times threatened to harm Mrs. Dancy, but was always sorry afterwards.

"He had a very kind side to his nature," added the doctor, "and when she was not at home to receive him he was very hurt and afraid that he had hurt her feelings. One side of him was very fond of her, and the other side very jealous."

A few days before the tragedy Tribe was knocked down in the street and his legs were injured.

Dr. Dancy said that on the day of the tragedy he left Tribe alone in the house and, remembering that there were some insurance papers and drugs that he did not want him to see, he returned in a hurry.

"I came silently into the house and saw my brother-in-law closing his door," he continued. "He looked at me as if he felt sheepish."

Coroner: About 15 years ago did he take your wife to an insurance company and have her examined and insured for a large amount?—Yes.

He paid the first two premiums to your knowledge, but after that you kept the payments up?—That is true. Was the final payment due?—Yes, this week.

He knew that he was drawing commission on the policy?—Yes.

AN ALTERCATION

Had he been pressing your wife to reinsure?—Yes, he had.

On the night before the occurrence did your wife and brother-in-law

have some altercation about this insurance?—Yes, they did.

On that occasion did he threaten your life?—He certainly did. The first time I began to feel he was serious about it.

"Later I calmed him down and succeeded in turning it off as a joke," said Dr. Dancy, who added that he sent his wife to bed, telling her to get off to sleep as she was tired, and that he would write to the children.

It was then after midnight, and he went down to the basement to stoke the fires. Then he came back to the study and started to type letters to the children.

Dr. Dancy said that he left his door ajar so that he could hear what his brother-in-law was up to.

About 1.10 a.m. he heard his brother-in-law go to another room, and thought he had locked the door.

"He rattled the handle, so I thought it was quite safe," added Dr. Dancy.

"Otherwise, I was listening for fear of him trying to do anything. Shortly after that I heard shots."

"I went to the door at once and saw my brother-in-law coming from the bathroom, which communicates with my wife's bedroom."

"I shouted, 'What have you done, Maurice?' He was advancing towards me with a revolver in his hand, pointing to my head."

"I tried to reason with him, but first of all I shouted at him and said, 'Don't point that at me!' But when he still came on I tried to reason with him."

"I could see that he meant to shoot me in the eye. I loomed against the door in a position of assumed ease, but all the time I knew that there was a switch, and I put my hand on the switch."

"When he stopped advancing, and I knew that he was preparing to shoot, I put the lights out and dropped to the floor in one movement."

DRAMA IN HALL

"He fired at me as I fell, dropping his aim, and I lay on the ground for a while. The whole place was in darkness then."

"I lay on the floor for a few seconds, thinking, before the fumbled for the switch in the hall and switched it on."

He looked at me, and I groaned. He thought he had 'got me' so he turned round, walked to the lavatory and locked himself in."

"I got up and banged on the lavatory door and said, 'Come out, Maurice. Give me that gun.' He said, 'Stand away from those panels or I will shoot you down like a dog.'"

"I went into the bedroom to see what he had done to my wife."

"After rousing the housekeeper I forced my way into the lavatory and found him lying in a hunched-up position with his head forward. He was not dead."

"He had cut his throat with a razor, and there was a revolver at his feet. I noticed that he had blood on his right hand when I felt his pulse. I telephoned for the ambulance and the police."

Mr. Birt: You have spoken about two sides of Mr. Tribe's character?—Yes, he had two very distinct sides. I should say he was like the book, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Is that one of the signs by which madness is known?—I should say that it is a recognised insanity complex but not necessarily certifiable."

Mrs. Rhona Jermain Conder, who gave her address as London, said that Tribe was her brother-in-law. He was a Bachelor of Science of Oxford University and was badly wounded by shrapnel during the war. His wound caused a very bad disfigurement on his forehead.

About seven years ago a serious operation was performed on his head. They went as near the brain as they dared.

SUICIDE TALK SISTER-IN-LAW'S FEARS

She saw him for the last time on the week-end of Nov. 12-15. He then complained about pains in his right side, and she was also worried about his mental condition, which struck her very forcibly.

Mrs. Conder referred to her sister, when the coroner interposed, saying: "Do not give her address."

Asked if she were afraid that Tribe might commit suicide, Mrs. Conder said: "Yes. He mentioned it so often. I always felt that it was a possibility."

You recognised the two sides of his character?—Yes. I certainly saw that from my own observation. He had a most wonderful side really, and a terrible side—a side which you could not think was normal."

He had seen several specialists, but none of them had actually suggested that he was insane, although he did not seem normal to you?—One of them thought that he was unstable and treated him in a private home for nervous diseases two years ago.

Police evidence was given of the discovery of Mrs. Dancy and Tribe after the tragedy.

Dr. Eric Gardner stated that either of the wounds received by Mrs. Dancy would have been instantly fatal.

Mr. Birt asked if there were any evidence of wounds caused to Tribe during the war.

Dr. Gardner said that there was a deep pit in the skull in the corner of the right eye.

After the jury had given their verdict, Mr. Birt asked if the balance of mind related to both acts.

The coroner: Not to the first act.



JAPANESE TROOPS patrolling the streets of Tientsin, where snipers are still active.

EMPIRE NEWS SCIENCE EXPERTS IN INDIA

Bombay.

"The policy of industrial psychology is not to drive the worker from behind, but to remove all obstacles which prevent him, whether he be of the rank and file or a manager, from giving his best."

This statement was made by Dr. Charles Myers, Principal of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, and one of the party of scientists attending the Indian Science Congress at Calcutta in January. Dr. Myers was lecturing under the chairmanship of Sir Novroji Saklatvala, chairman of Messrs. Tata, to a large and distinguished audience. The lecture dealt particularly with problems peculiar to India.

After two days in Bombay which were fully occupied with lectures, receptions and excursions, the 94 British and European delegates left Bombay for Calcutta.

Cathedral's New Tower.—All the bishops in India and the Governor of Bengal, Lord Dufferin, will be present in Calcutta for the ceremony of dedication, by Bishop Foss Westcott, Metropolitan of India, on Jan. 26, of the new tower of St. Paul's Cathedral, which replaces the spire demolished after damage in the earthquake of Jan. 1934.

Jumping Beans Ban.—No living plants may be imported into Burma by letter post, sample post or air mail, according to a new Government order. The import of Mexican jumping beans is entirely forbidden.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA

THE KING'S MESSAGE

Sydney.

The King has sent the following message to Lord Gowrie, Governor-General of Australia:

"I sincerely thank you, the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Australia, for your kind congratulations on my birthday, which I greatly appreciate."—Reuter.

60,000 Miles by Cycle.—"Ossie" Nicholson, the Australian long-distance cyclist, has now covered 60,000 miles in his attempt to win back the world's 12-months record. The attempt ends on December 31. Nicholson is now ahead of Rene Menies, the Anglo-French rider, who is endeavouring to beat Nicholson's figures and is making his attempt in England.—Reuter.

New Armoured Cars.—Two armoured cars of unique pattern, designed by Australian army officers, have just been completed at the munitions factory at Maribyrnong, Victoria. The car is constructed on a 20-ton lorry chassis. Instead of the enclosed turret that generally tops an armoured car, it has a three-sided shield, open on top. This shield can be rotated.—Reuter.

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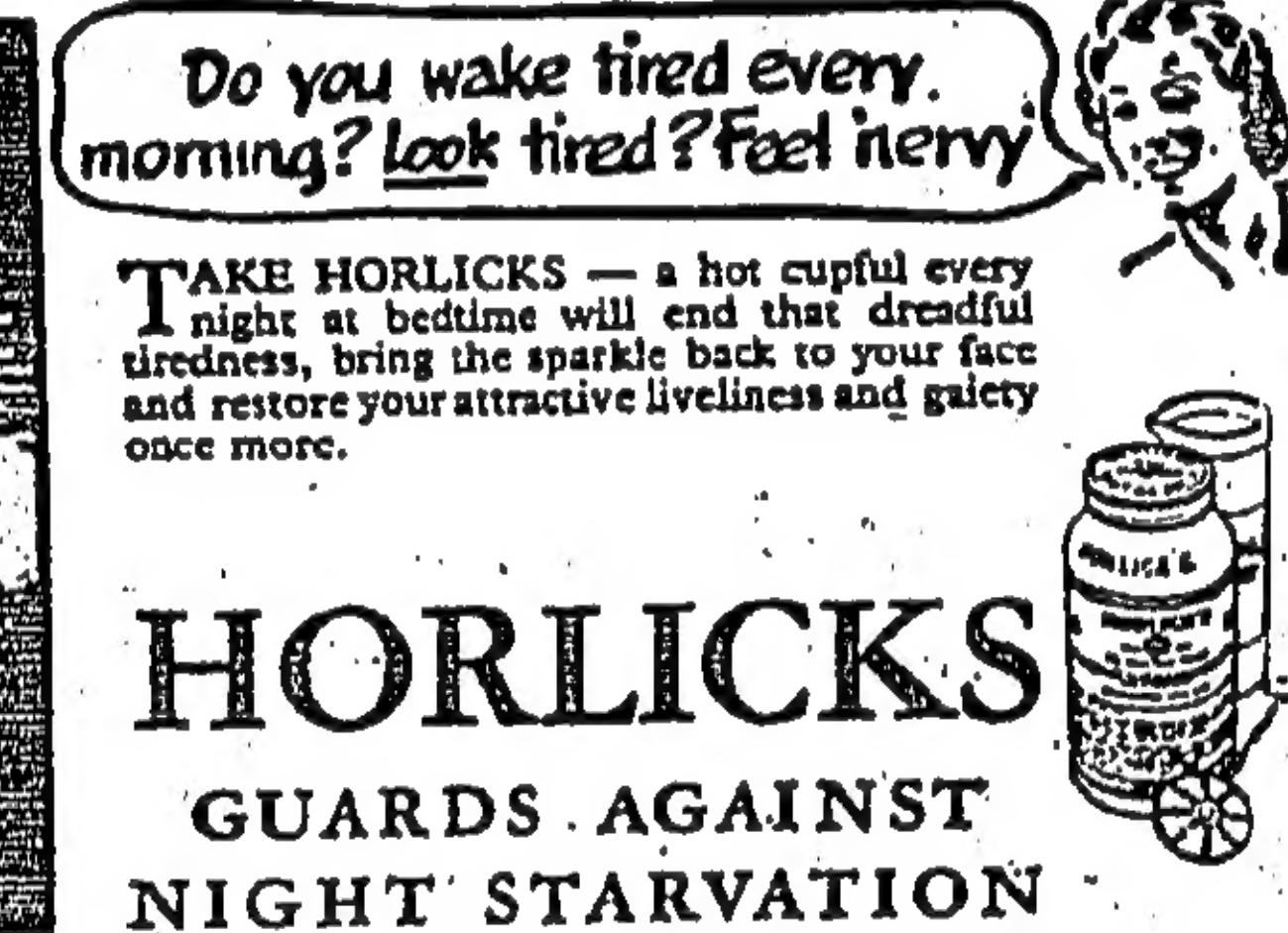
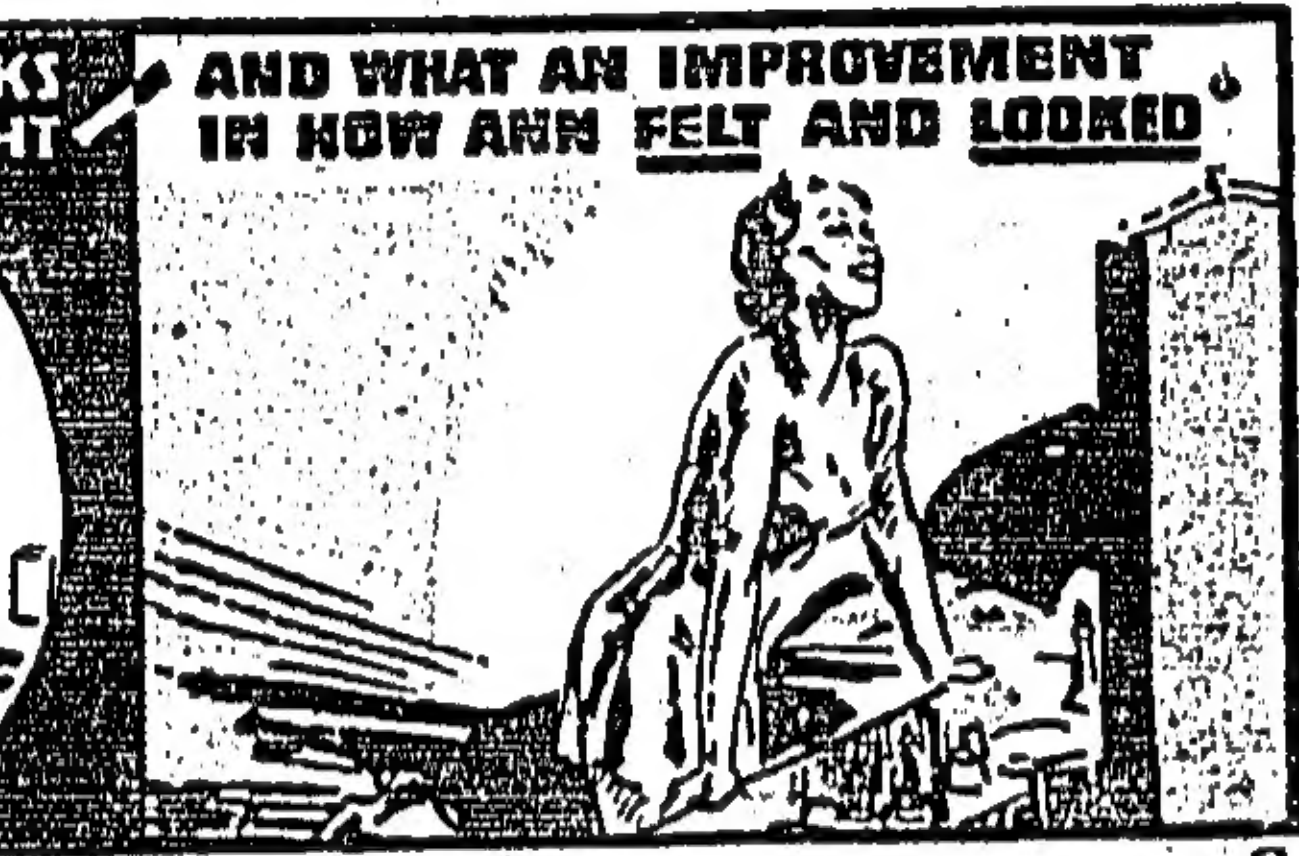
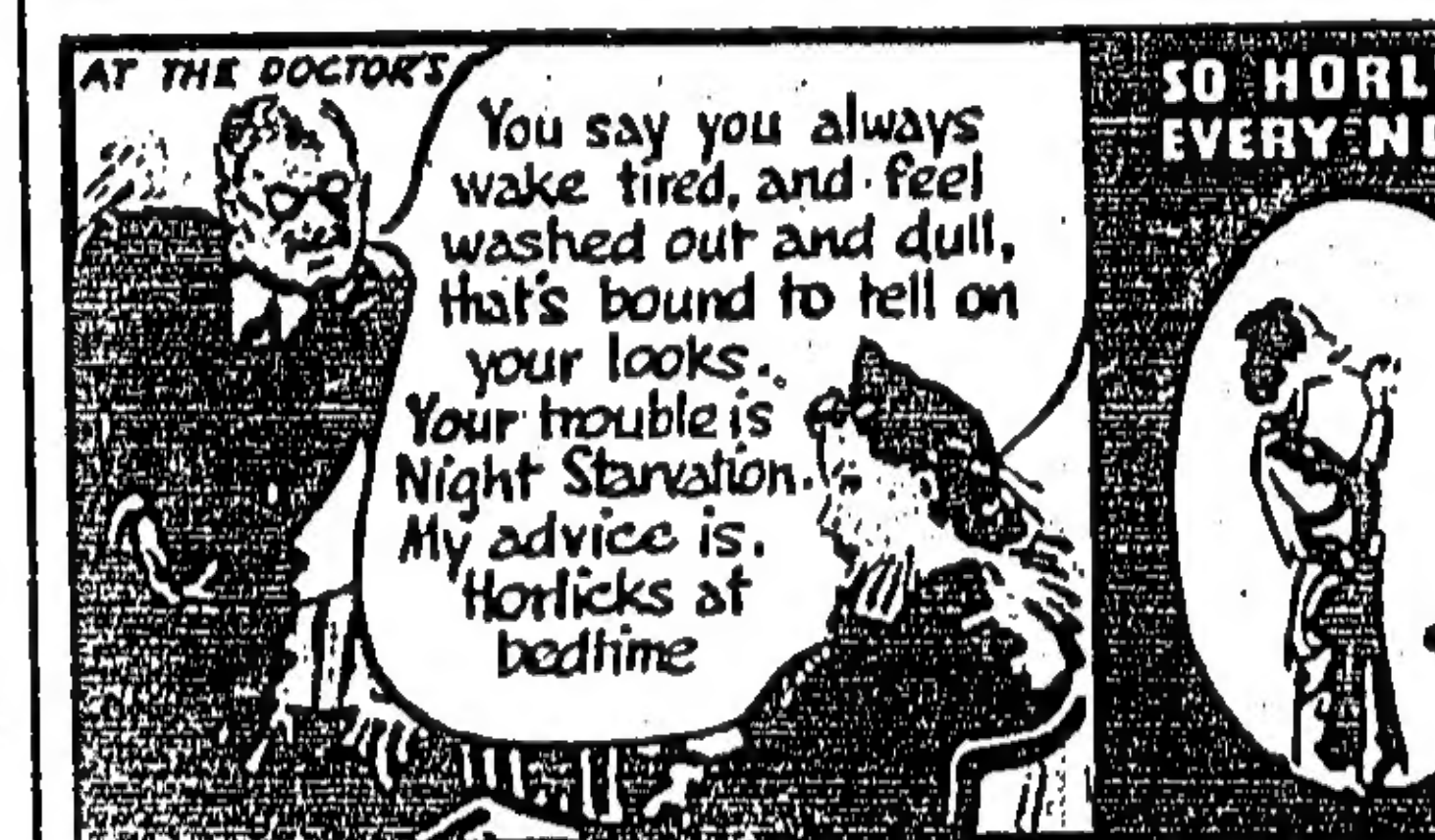
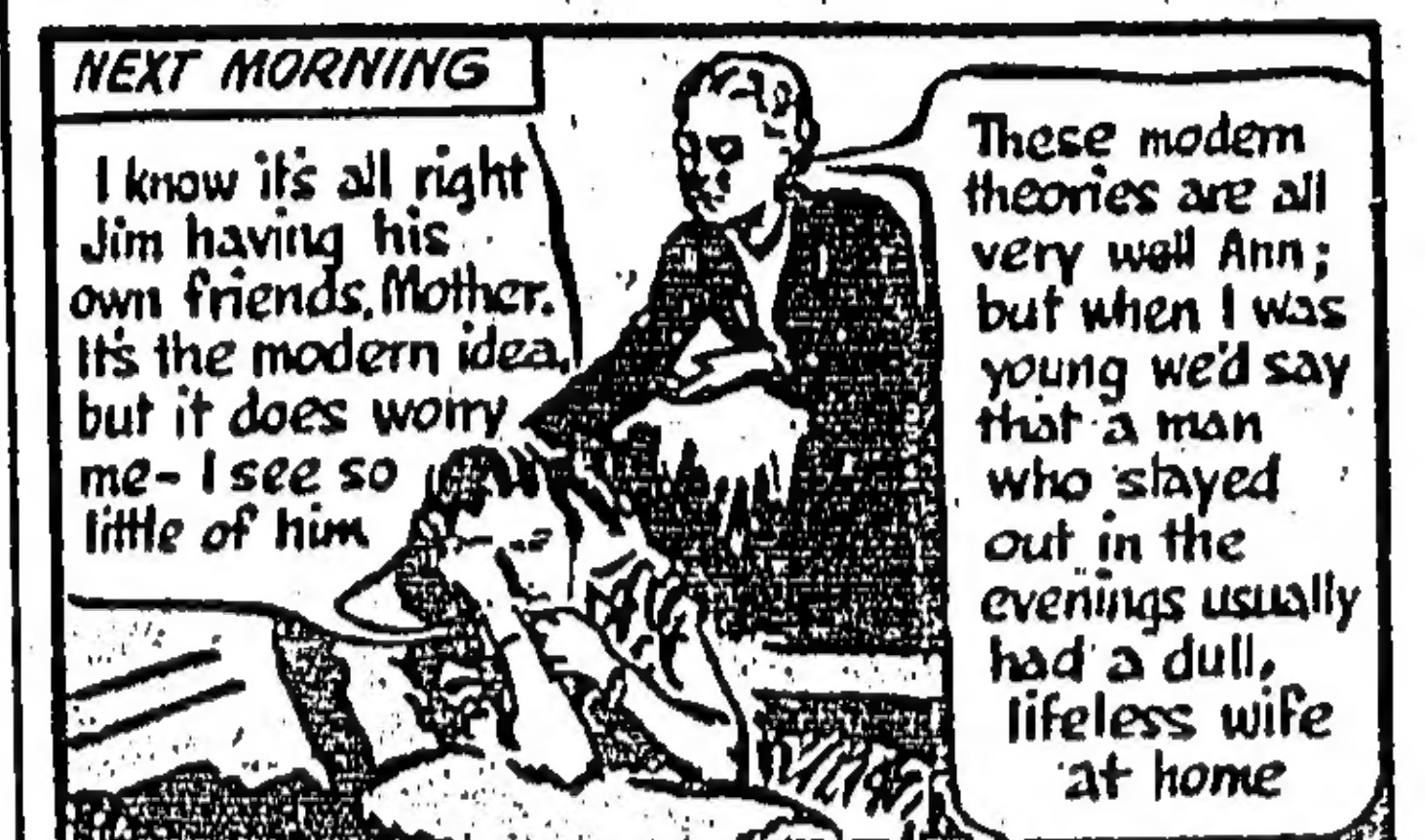
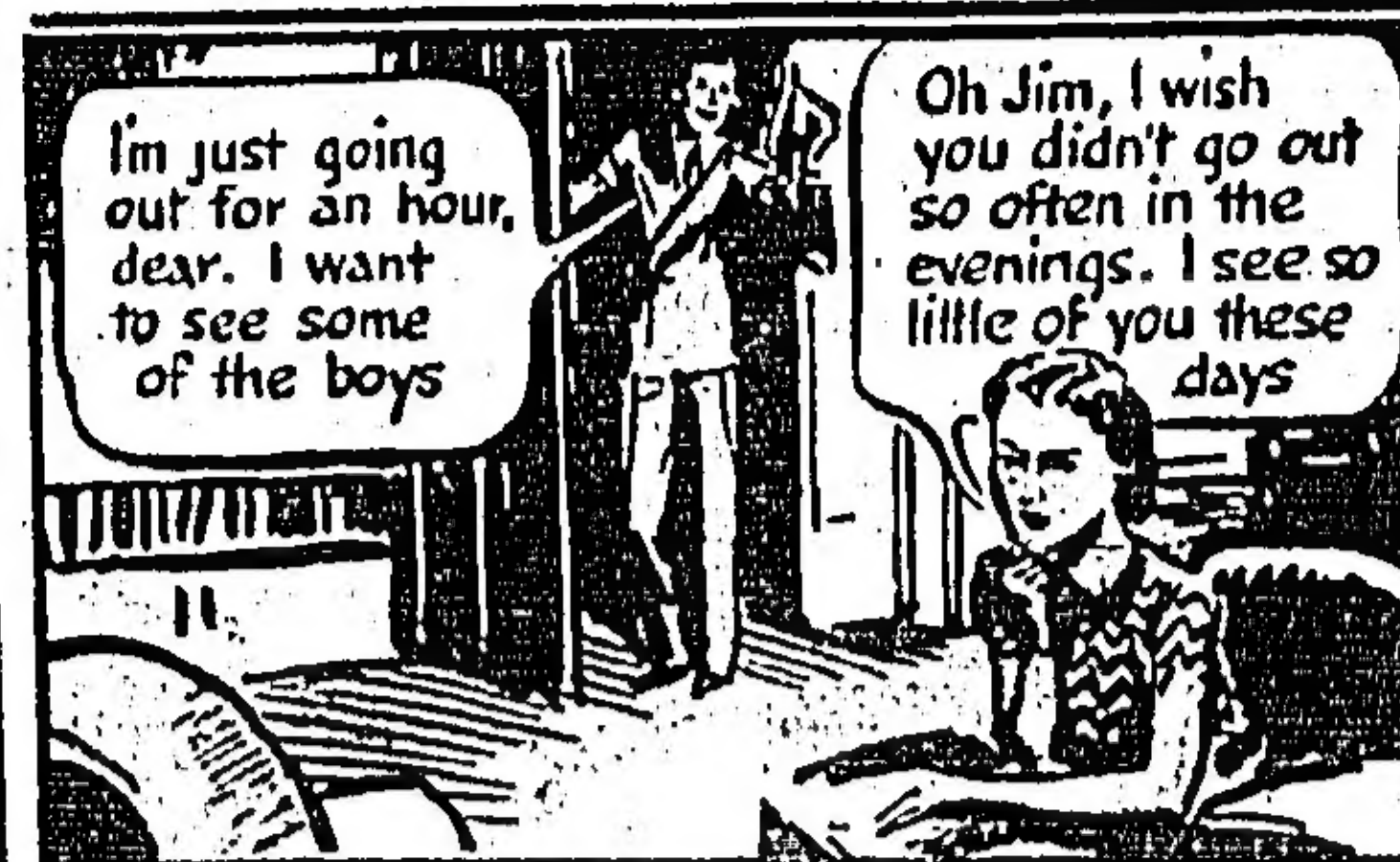
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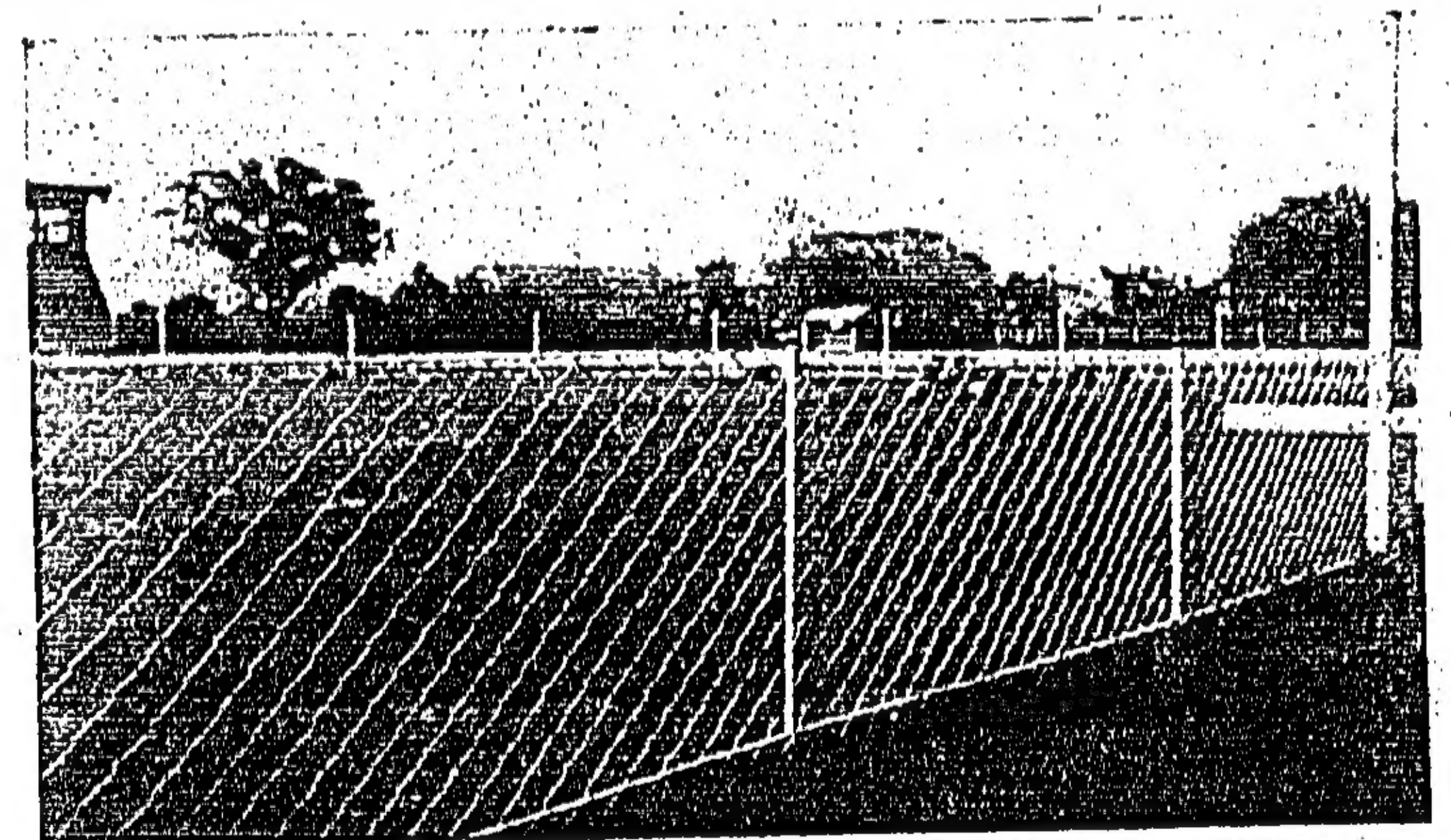
Major C. H. Douglas, the Social Credit expert, has consented to advise the Alberta Government on technical points during the Supreme Court hearing concerning the constitutionality of three provincial statutes enacted in October.

These statutes relate to taxation of banks, control of credit, and regulation of the Press. They have not received the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta.—Reuter.

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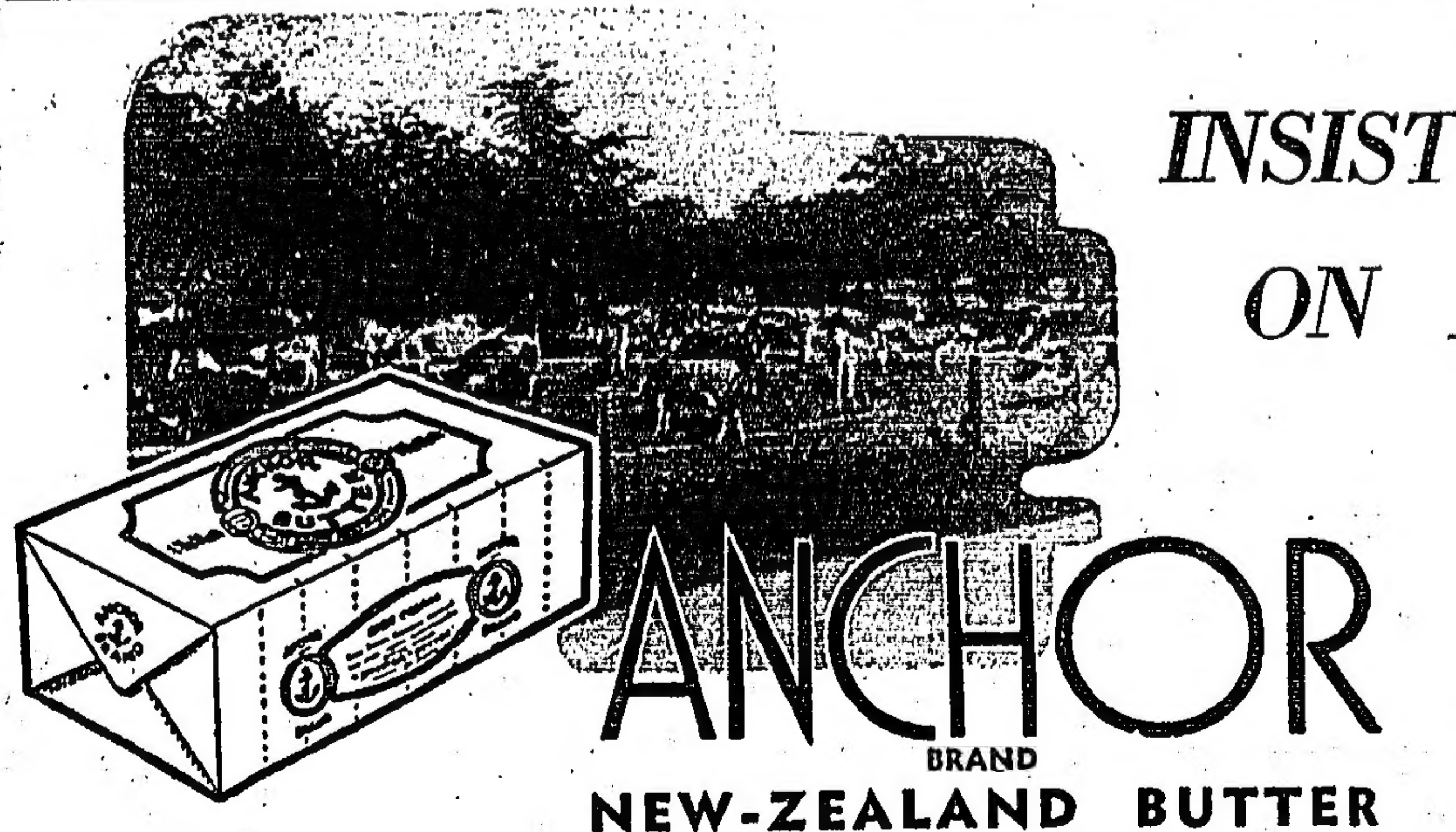
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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

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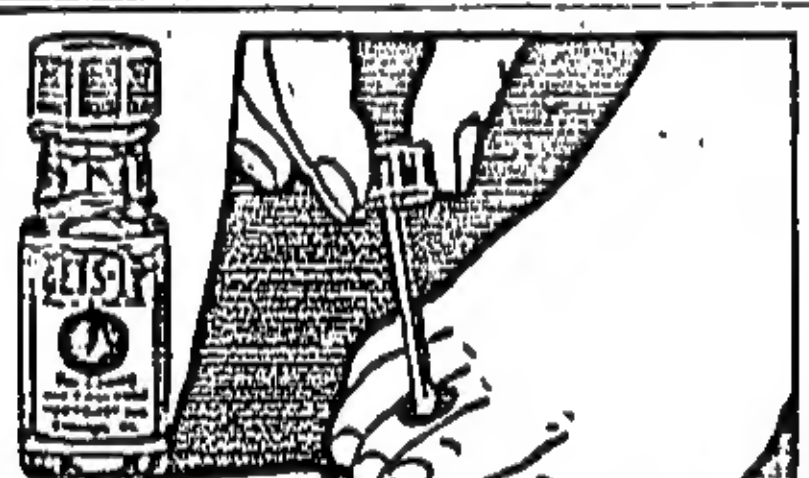
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SCOTSMEN CELEBRATE IN BURNS' MEMORY

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addressing at any particular moment. (Laughter).

Burns therefore lived in his poem as he wrote it. I think that characteristic which is not by any means the characteristic of every poet, is one which throws a light upon some aspects which have puzzled the students of himself and his poetry. For example, in that treatise by, I think, Professor Sharp, the author points to the rhymed couplets which obviously informed Burns as he wrote and enabled him to produce such entirely opposite works.

Not inconsistent

Nobody is going to charge him with inconsistency if someone accused him of writing that line "the hobgoblins of little minds" I should not be at all surprised. Although he must have been inconsistent, I think everybody who loves him will say he was sincere in what he wrote; at the moment he really felt it and lived it. I think he projected himself into whatever situation was before his mind and actually took part in the scene he was describing. I would point out that that gift of living and writing what he was doing at the moment, that attribute of his which was so readily praised by all his critics was the virtue of humanity.

So with that conjunction of reality and humanity in his poetry, we can understand how he could use that word in connection with so great a man, for it constituted a part of his works surpassing even the beauty of his lyrics.

We sometimes enter on his poetry and see as he talks to us, his imagery; the birds, beasts, flowers, hills and streams of which he spoke. His use of these metaphors built up the pictures that form part of every moment of our lives which we can live in reading his works, even as he lived in them. We can say of him that very frequently he had the lover's gift of seeing Helen's beauty in the brow of Egypt. He is true to the Shakespearean description, "Having an eye in the face."

Burns did not have his head in the clouds but lived on earth among his fellows and lived the things they lived but he was able to tell them about those things in words they could not find. His poetry is at least equal to his philosophy. He is always expressing to us the thoughts that are latent in our minds and expressing them in the most delightful way.

Poet and Philosopher
In fact if I was asked which has the greater appeal, his philosophy or his poetry, I should find it a difficult answer to make. I doubt if this is the occasion to try to answer this any more than it is right to try to separate the poet Burns from the philosopher Burns, or the poet Burns from the man.

I have taken up a great deal of your time and I feel that what I have said to you on Robert Burns is singularly inadequate. You must blame this on me if you are disappointed, but I will ask you to remember, those of you who are disappointed, the story of the British soldier at Archangel in 1919. He wanted to give his company a treat and provided them with a large quantity of caviare for tea. The next day the orderly officer came round and asked usual "Any complaints?" "Yes, Sir," replied the sergeant, "the men say the jam tastes of fish." (Laughter).

That is what you get when you ask a southerner to talk on Burns. I ask you now to drink the toast of one whose fame is world wide and whose hall-mark is good Scots, but of whom we English are as proud as the Scots. (Applause).
The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Toast to Lassies

Professor W. Brown was then called upon to propose the toast of "The Lassies."
He said: Your Excellencies, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Gentlemen—Believe it or not, this is the first Burns' dinner I have ever attended. Consequently I know little about Burns, and nothing whatever about lassies. (Laughter).

When I yielded to the blandishments of ex-Chief Justice Stevenson and undertook this honourable and perilous toast, it was firmly impressed upon me that I must stand before you, not as a mere professor, nor even as a Scotsman, nor yet as a Burns-fan, but in the full glory of bachelorhood. Well I'm a bachelor all right, though just why I am still in blessed singleness, it might be difficult to explain. Perhaps if I knew more of Burns (and he knew a thing or two!) I would have more success with the lassies—yet St. Paul assured us that marriages are better than Burns. (Laughter).

In my anxious endeavour, any, I have been too lukewarm, too much of a Lacedaemonian. Perhaps I should have been more virile, more Spartan, more of a Lacedaemonian, i.e. more of a demon with the lassies!—for the kingdom of heaven may be taken by force! (Laughter).

Anyway, it seems for some reason or other, I never could capture my last fine careful capture!

Still Singular

So, I'm still singular, and my ignorance of the lassies is complete, except for odd scraps of news divulged from time to time by more experienced persons. My own researches, never embraced the fair sex, though of course my education has been too expensive not to have included some book-knowledge of the great female characters of History: Eve, Delilah, Helen of Troy, Helen MacGregor, Cleopatra, Boadicea, Catherine de Medici, Katherine D'Arample, Flora Macdonald, Annie Laurie, Marie Stopes and Miss West. (Laughter).

Having pondered deeply on the mysterious custom of entrusting the toast of the lassies to a mere ignorant bachelor, I am forced to the conclusion that qualifications do not enter into the question at all. The real consideration is "Safety First." An irresponsible bachelor may talk all the nonsense he knows, be simple or subtle, cynical or soulful, flattering or flaccid, as he pleases, and when the hurly-burly's o'er, the bottles burst and done, he can seek his virtuous couch undisturbed by nemesis. I mean, dismayed by me miosis. (Laughter). But what of the poor Benedict creeping home from the fray, having guiltily unbracketed "the rattling tongue of saucy and audacious eloquence" and the sterner sex? In the awful presence of his sulky, sullen dame afflicted with a trembling hoof, a short-wave hiccup, and a glowing neb, he knows himself but a wee cowering, timorous, crimson-tipped beastie. (Laughter).

Angles and Angels

Professionally, I often deal with geometry, but never with the vicious circle known as the eternal triangle, and I believe it was not Euclid, but one of Arc, who stated the theorem: "The obtuse Angles (or the acute Scots) (Adjectives interchangeable):

the acute angles or the obtuse Scots) at the base of an obtuse triangle are equal to anything." Fortunately however my theme is not angles but angels; so, involving the help of St. Gregory, I must seek to entertain them unwary and in absentia.
I suppose no toast of the "Indies" could be considered complete if it omitted the familiar quotation:
"O woman! in our hours of ease
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please
..... When pain and anguish wring
the brow,
A ministering angel thou!"

Next to "water drops," the "ministering angel" touch is woman's most lethal weapon. Hence many hospitals and nursing-homes (including, so I am told, even those of the highest standing in the Colony), whatever maladies they may cure, are bad for affections of the heart, and are really matrimonial agencies "sailing under false colours. Many a braw lad goes into cold storage, trustful and innocent, with no ambition beyond having his appendix uncrowded or his tonsils snipped. But when he has just as poor old Father Adam was when he was under the anaesthetic. He leaves the paternity home minus a fifth rib, and swathed in the bandages of holy and imminent matrimony.

A Burns Inspiration

It was not Burns of course but Scott who penned those famous lines "O woman! in our hours of ease, etc." Burns would have put it differently. If only he had had the nerve, or had experienced the inspiration of a Burns Supper, he might have expressed himself somewhat as follows:

Hoch, friends! Ye ken, when naething's wrang,
When siller's free, an' business thrang,
And we're a' catty, crouse, an' strong,
We ne'er enjoy sic pleasures lang.
Some wumman coups the hale jing-bang,
Set's a' thing tapselceer!

In changing mood she's like the weather.
Ae meent' wyse, the next, a bleeher.
Ac danc' ye kind, the next ye'd rather
Meet Nickie-Ben when aff the tether.
What air she'll blaw, as licht's a feather,
Is ye an' unco query.

Yet, ilther whiles, she maun be praised,
When herts are wae, and brains are dazed,
When bluid is thin, and banes are grazed,
Oor carls and cares are a' erased,
Gin wumman's smile is on us raised,
And aince mair a's rich cheery.

Sae has it been through human history,
Tae man a wumman's aye a mystery:
For a' that, an' a' that,
1000 and all that,
Oor rhymes obscure an' a' that,
It's comin' yet, for a' that,
That wad to men the world o'er
Shall angels be, for a' that. (Laughter and Applause).

Huzzles of To-day

The lassies Burns knew best were the simple rustic wenches of his own time and his own district. He would have understood "A Country Girl" better than "The Afton Song." But what would he have thought of the bold sophisticated ladies of to-day? How would he have sung of our high-kicking, lip-slicking, claw-painting, gin-puffing, gin-sipping, club-swing-

ing huzzies?—the lassies wi' the lint-white shorts, peroxide locks, six-inch sox, skin-tight frocks? How would he have taken to our "sweet neomials" who cleave the welkin as never did Cutty Sark or witch on broomstick? What would be his reaction to the modern precious stream-lined creature who fills no quiver, but navigates a sliver with a ruthless and incalculable abandon that clears the fairway of mere meat—and earns the awesome epithet of donna e' (auto) mobile? (Laughter).

Well, I firmly believe he would have found them as interesting and companionable, as charming and adorable, as you and I do, and he would have sung their praises in verses as jovial and snappy as any he ever penned.

I fear I have by now said more than enough to raise my matrimonial handicap to infinity, and to reduce my list of eligible (if any such remain), to a state of extreme lassitude. So, Gentlemen, all fill, and raise, and drain your bumpers to the fair sex. Here's to a' the soney lassies, of Hongkong and elsewhere! God bless them all!—and keep the supply generous, the quality superb! The toast was drunk with applause.

Reply for Lassies

The reply to the toast was made by Mr. A. J. G. Taylor, who said: Your Excellencies, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Gentlemen—Professor Brown informed us at the beginning of his speech that he knew nothing about lassies. Continuance of that speech, however, has convinced me, and I think everyone else here, that his knowledge of the quans is not far from being complete. He certainly knows all he should know about them as a bachelor, probably more. In my opinion, he is sufficiently ripe for plucking, and were I a girl, I would bring into play every atom of strategy I could muster for the purpose of netting such an intellectual stalwart. (Laughter).

You have mentioned, Sir, that an irresponsible bachelor has the freedom of speech while being dismayed by aae missus. I would advise that you be not too sure on that point, particularly when a Burns Dinner is the playground for your freedom. Your consideration of "Safety First" has been sadly ignored by your dislodging of the modern ladies' dress and habits. In these days of "Dolls & Delegations" what could be easier than to imagine some Tam "o'er a' the hills o' life victorious," returning from this dinner and on being pulled over the coals, placing the blame on "yon mudslinging blighter who made a speech yesterday calling women folk "high-kicking, lip-slicking, claw-painting, gin-puffing, gin-sipping, club-swinging lassies." Sometimes it seems safer to face one sulky, sullen dame simmering with wrath, than say seven.

I would dare to suggest that Burns if living to-day and viewing the "lint-white shorts, six-inch sox and skin-tight frocks" of the modern lass, would agree that "strength and honour are her clothing." Further to strengthen your admiration of the lassies I would refer you to another sound saying, "What signified the life of man if it were not for the lassies."

One Man Stuff

Behind your repeated and ingenious wit, Sir, I think I detect concealed an intense respect for the ladies; an intensity which, in your amorous adventures, using your own words, might have been the reason why you never could capture your last fine capture. The ladies do not like too much respect if given at the expense of the cave (Continued on Next Column.)

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Shanghai and Foochow	Shantung	January 26.
Straits	Sonali	January 27.
Japan	Allipore	January 27.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai, (Vancouver B.C., date 8th Jan.).	Empress of Asia	January 27.
Japan	Nelore	January 27.
Amoy	Shirala	January 27.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuensang	January 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Burdwan	January 27.
Straits	Conte Rosso	January 28.
Japan and Formosa	Hukone Maru	January 28.
Shanghai	Kwangtung	January 28.
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Straits	Hector	February 1.
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Java and Manila	Tjisandane	February 1.
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Japan	Tyndareus	February 3.
Japan and Shanghai	Arabia Maru	February 4.
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Shanghai and Japan	Somali	Wed, Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
Thursday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Thurs, Jan. 27, 8.15 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Thurs, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Yinchow	Thurs, Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Kongmoon and Pakhoi (via Kong-moon)	Tai Lee	Thurs, Jan. 27, 11 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Kaying	Thurs, Jan. 27, 3.30 p.m.
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	Ord.	Jan. 28, 6 a.m.
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Shanghai	Chengtu	Fri, Jan. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kwangtung	Fri, Jan. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. Pres. Jefferson		Fri, Jan. 28, 8.30 a.m.
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and Europe via Siberia	Reg.	Jan. 28, 1.45 p.m.
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Manila	Pres. Garfield	Fri, Jan. 28, 5.00 p.m.
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Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 15th February.	Reg.	Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Shirala	Fri, Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Jan. 28, 9 a.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 28, 9 a.m.
Saturday		
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Kwalsang	Sat, Jan. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Saloon and Batavia	Tjisandari	Sat, Jan. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 7th February.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat, Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
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	Ord.	Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 6th February.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat, Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 30, 9 a.m.
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	Ord.	Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
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man in you, and I understand that a little rough handling now and again makes them love you the more. That, of course, is only of their idiosyncrasies. While gallivanting during the brief intervals between studies in the silver city by the sea, by silent Don and crystal Dec, I discovered others, but haven't we all? It may be, Sir, that you have observed a too rigid interpretation of the Golden Rule of Scots Law:

"Do right and fear no man."

Don't write and fear no woman," or is it that you found words inadequate to tell or even suggest an unplumbed deep?

Professor Brown, on behalf of the lassies the world over and particularly those of Hongkong; mothers, wives, sweethearts, and the vast array of feminine beauty, I thank you for your kind and witty speech, and gentlemen all for your hearty toast. (Applause).

This concluded the formal part of the evening's proceedings.

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SCOTSMEN CELEBRATE BURNS' NIGHT

Governor Proposes Toast Of
Immortal Memory

The annual Burns' Dinner, at which Scotsmen the world over gather to remember their great national poet, was celebrated locally at the Peninsula Hotel last night, under the auspices of St. Andrew's Society.

His Excellency the Governor, guest of the Chieftain, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, proposed the toast of "The Immortal Memory" in a witty and brilliant speech.

Over 230 people sat down to dinner, and the Scottish atmosphere was provided by the Honorary Pipers of the Society, thistle decorations, the Barley Bree, and the Haggis, which took honourable place in the evening's programme.

A picture of the poet, the 178th anniversary of whose birth the company was observing, hung in the Rose Room, where it has frequently honoured Scottish occasions.

The presence of the 1st. Bn. Seaforth Highlanders in the Colony added to the number of Scotsmen who were able to attend the dinner. There were many guests of the Chieftain, the Vice President, Mr. W. Kay, and members.

Among the guests were: The Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Edward Ellington, I.E., the Commander-in-Chief, Vice Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe, I.E., the General Officer Commanding, Major General A. W. Bartholomew, Mr. A. E. Southard, Consul General for the U.S.A., Mr. G. S. Archbutt, President of St. George's Society, the Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow, and Mr. A. J. K. Taylor.

The company was piped in to dinner shortly after 8 p.m. by the Honorary Pipers who afterwards piped in the Haggis and Barley Bree. Pipe Major W. J. K. Mackie delivered Burns' famous "Address to the Haggis" and the time-honoured symbols of Scottish fare were piped to the Chieftain's table. The Chieftain took the Barley Bree and was followed by Sir Geoffrey Northcote and others at the head table.

The enjoyment of a menu in keeping with the occasion was a prelude to the speeches, which began with introductory remarks by Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Chieftain's Remarks

The Chieftain said: Your Excellencies, Gentlemen.—We have with us to-night several distinguished guests who are enjoying their first Burns' night dinner in Hongkong. His Excellency the Governor has not only honoured us by attending but has very kindly consented to

make the speech of the evening, a treat to which we are all very keenly looking forward. (Applause).

Sir Edward Ellington, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, only arrived in the Colony yesterday. To all of us, Sir, it is a most happy coincidence that your very brief visit to Hongkong should cover this Scottish anniversary, and we are very grateful to you for coming here to-night. (Applause).

Vice Admiral Crabbe also is a newcomer to our festivities though we have all watched and admired his recent work on the Yangtze. We are proud to have Admiral Crabbe here to-night. (Applause).

Mr. Southard, Consul General of the United States of America has only recently come to Hongkong. In this case, as in that of His Excellency the Governor, we hope that this will be only the first of many Scottish functions which he will be well content to attend. (Applause).

Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, has unfortunately contracted a cold and has stayed away so that the whole company will not contract it but equally with others, he deserves your applause. Welcome to Tartans.

To all these gentlemen, and to all our other guests this evening we extend a very cordial welcome.

On behalf of the members of St. Andrew's Society may I say how glad we are to see Dr. Black, our senior resident ex-Chieftain with us again. Dr. Black is one of those fortunate people who can afford to put on weight; he tells me that he has put on ten pounds and I am sure that you will all agree that we never saw him looking better. I offer him the sincere greetings of the Society which he has so long adorned. (Applause).



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On a personal note I want to express my pride at seeing so many kiths of the tartan of the clan to which I have the honour to belong. To my three clansmen at table No. 11 I offer my thanks and my felicitations.

And now you have heard enough from me. There is one name which to-night we delight to honour, and it is my privilege now to ask His Excellency the Governor to propose the toast of the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. (Applause).

Governor's Speech

In proposing the toast of "The Immortal Memory," His Excellency said:

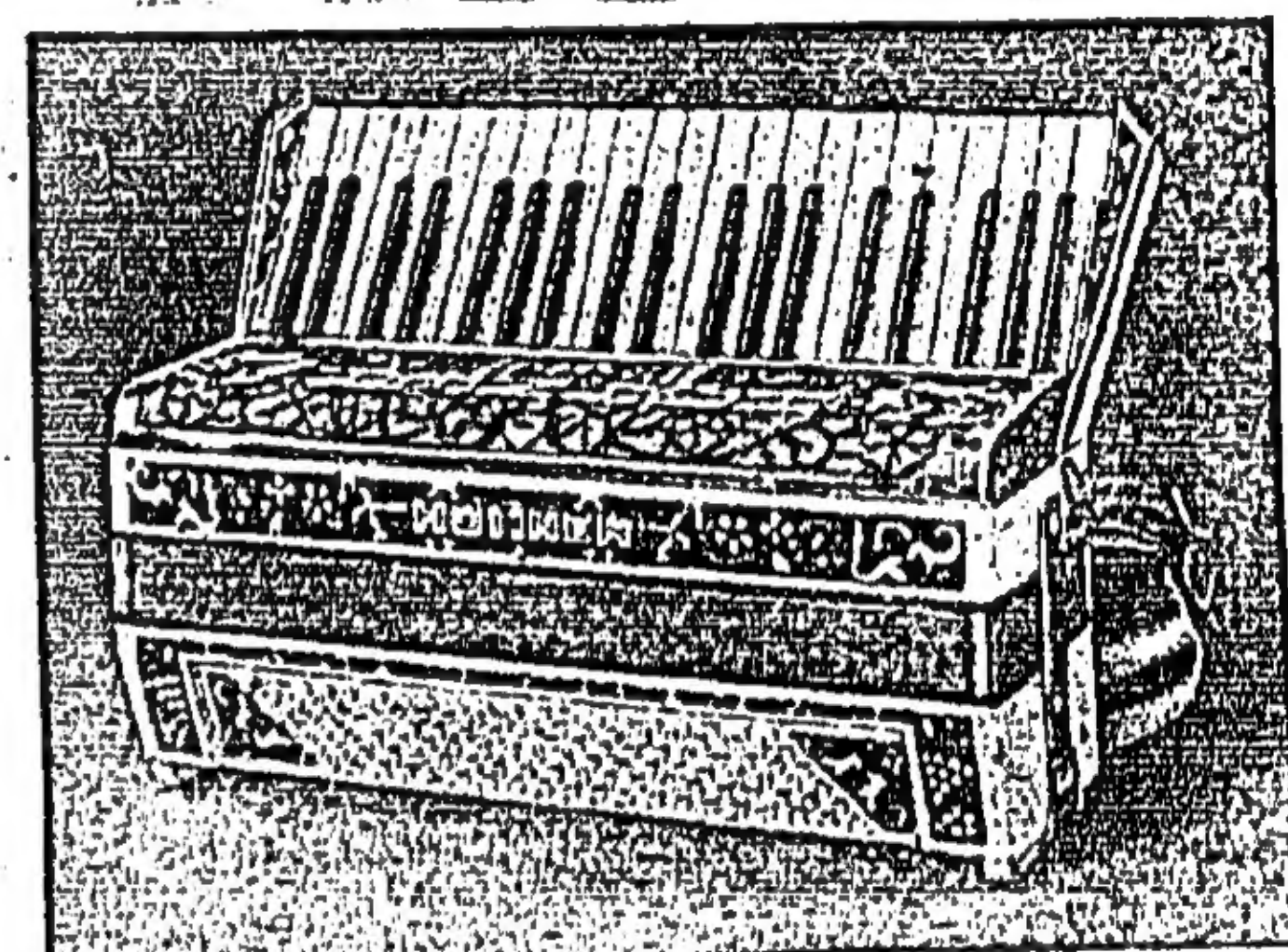
There is a story told, I don't know how true it is, of a certain Scots (Continued on Page 11.)

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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1938.

BRITAIN BUILDS
FOR SECURITY

Yesterday readers of the Hongkong Telegraph read that seven of the most advanced powers of the world—advanced, that is, in commerce, in culture and in science—were plunging headlong into a naval armaments race. The accusation is not far-fetched. And there is scant satisfaction to be derived from the fact that Great Britain was probably the last of the great nations to speed her rearmament. Rather it has become a matter for criticism by the masses, this attempt at pacifying the peoples of our times by scrapping war vessels and delaying their replacement. That policy, commendable as it may have been in theory, was destined to die a quick death in the heat engendered by friction in the machinery which was supposed to safeguard peace. Far better, perhaps, had the allied nations which were in a position to make the rules, set themselves up to govern the world by force. Better still had they sunk their fleets, blown up their guns, burned their planes and degenerated into non-competitive inactivity of mind and body than to have arrived at this state on non-co-operative progress, and one in which they think in terms of bombing ranges, anti-gas defence and 60,000-ton warships. But the world had not the courage to be wise—or the wisdom to be courageous. And so it has progressed.

Nor is there any sense in the public's condemnation of this situation. It is the mass mind which is to blame, more than the statesmen and the cabinets. After all, in democratic countries at least, the people have a voice. And it will be remembered that voice was raised in 1914 while Sir Edward Grey (later Lord Grey of Fallodon) was pleading with the Government of Europe to use their reason and keep the peace. Outside the gates of Buckingham Palace, we are told, a vast crowd chanted: "We want war!" And His Majesty King George, troubled, appalled by the great hoarse shout, put a hand to his head and retreated from the balcony where he had gone to greet his people. It was Britain's leaders, not the people, who fought for peace at that time. And so it was in some, at least, of the other European capitals.

Again and again it has been said, and by a million million minds admitted, that that nation is safest which puts its faith in its leaders. No blind faith, mark you, but a trust born of calculated judgment, based on the accomplishments of the elected chiefs. The trained mind is sanest in a crisis. The mob mind makes mistakes, terrible blunders, shouting: "We want war."

The world is faced with an arms race, and knows it is wrong. But even this knowledge is not strong enough to stop the hammers on the shipyards. Parliament, all parties, has decided that rearmament is necessary. The people must accept the decision and pay the bill, even though they suspect that the next step will bring disaster. That is the risk we run. But we dare not be alone in defencelessness; dare not be pacifists. Our responsibility is too great. The solution is in strength.

It is our belief that His Majesty's Government will not misuse this power which the people put into its hands. It is our faith that the weapons which we forge will be for the protection not only of the Empire but of the little countries of the world whose only rampart against invasion is the League of Nations, in which Britain is a pillar. It is, it must be, our responsibility to see that the co-operation which has built this Empire will not be lost through dissension.

Again and again it has been said, and by a million million

Would you rather die before your wife?

by
JAMES DOUGLAS

THEY say that all the love tales have been told, that love, like history, repeats itself, and that the tellers of love tales, like the historians, repeat each other.

This is a lie. Perhaps it is the oldest lie in the world. There is no end to the permutations and combinations of love, and every love story is different from all its ancestors and predecessors.

It is not true to say that the more it is different the more it is the same. The contrary is true. The more it is the same the more it is different.

FOR example, there is a sharp newness in the love story of the man of sixty-three who shot himself three weeks after the death of his invalid wife, who was a few years older than her husband.

"Now that she has gone," he said before he died, "life holds nothing for me."

Yet his life held for him what many people, if not most people, regard as everything, or nearly everything, that makes life worth living. He had a beautiful home and wealth beyond the dreams of the majority of the human race.

He was a poor man and his wife was a rich woman. Out of her wealth she had made their beautiful home.

They had been happy in it for sixteen years. During her last years he had been her constant and devoted nurse.

She bequeathed her wealth to him, the great sum of £119,618, but it was naught in his eyes. Without her in his life her money to him was a mockery. It could buy him nothing he desired.

LET those who imagine that wealth is a passport to paradise ponder over this exposure and refutation of their delusion or illusion.

Here was a man with an assured income of five thousand a year for the remainder of his life. He might have lived in luxury for another ten or fifteen or twenty years, persuading time to heal his sorrow.

He might have tried all the anodynes of riches—travel in

search of the joys that nature can bestow in her sunniest climes and her fairest scenes; the wonders of art in its multi-form variety, the delights of love or friendship, the consolations of service to humanity, the companionship of the masters of literature and music; all the pleasures of the table, good food and good wine, all the artificial distractions of sport and amusement.

But life without love had lost all its savour. The things that money can procure meant less than nothing to this man with a broken heart.

He looked at them all, and turned away disconsolate.

THIS love story suggests one of the most insoluble problems of human life, a problem which vexes the sessions of silent thought in the mind of every loving husband and every loving wife.

It may be stated crudely, baldly, and nakedly in the question: Would you prefer to die before your wife? Would you prefer to die before your husband?

Husbands and wives are afraid to ask each other this question, although it is hard to evade it as life draws near its close.

They seldom debate it together, and when their fear thrusts it upon them they shrink from the pain of choice where there is no choice.

IN her secret heart a wife discovers the secret desire to die before her husband.

She would spare herself the anguish of being the last to go. She dreads the harvest of grievous loneliness.

In her guarded thoughts she plans her departure and prepares for it, although her heart holds

more pity for him than for herself.

She asks herself whether it is selfish to wish to leave him to bear the burden of his grief through the empty years.

She is perplexed by the problem: Is it kinder to him to wish to die first? Or is it kinder to him to wish to die last?

DOES he think the same secret thoughts? Does he wrestle with the unanswerable question?

Undoubtedly. The problem is as hard to solve for the husband as it is for the wife. How would he choose if he had the power to choose?

A hypothetical question is one which admits of no decisive answer.

Who can tell whether it is nobler to desire to escape from grief than to accept it as a duty to the beloved?

Where a wife is dependent upon her husband's earning power, and where his death would sentence her to the privations of poverty, the answer to the question is easy.

NO husband who loves his wife would choose to die first if his choice left her penniless.

He would prefer to work on for her rather than forsake her and let her bear the misery of penury alone.

This is the supreme tragedy of the poor man. He cannot afford to die and let his wife face the misery of widowhood in poverty.

My postbag testifies to the magnitude of this dread in the mind of the ageing husbands who are unable to save enough to provide for their wives in the event of their death, and who are struggling to keep jobs for which they are growing less fit every year.

It is the heart of the unemployment nightmare which haunts the great middle class as well as the working class.

These husbands who have nothing to leave to their wives have no difficulty in solving the problem. They do not wish to die before their wives, whose sole means of support are their precarious salaries or wages.

BUT in the case of husbands who are able to leave their wives a competence the problem is almost insuperable.

The selfish husband sometimes insures himself against the injury of his jealous pride by penning his widow if she marries after his death.

It seems to me to be the acme of mean stinginess for a husband to attach to his will a provision that his widow will lose his money if she falls in love a second time. I am in favour of legislation making such wills illegal.

In the case of the wife the problem is complicated by the thought that her husband, after their lifelong love, may find happiness in a second marriage to a younger woman. As Brownie's wife puts it:—

Is the remainder of the way so long

Thou need'st the little solace, thou the strong?

Watch out thy watch, let weak ones doze and dream!

BUT she overcomes her jealousy of the other

women:—

Re-coin thyself and give it them to spend—

It all comes to the same thing at the end,

Since mine thou wast, mine art, and mine shall be,

Faithful or faithless, sealing up the sum

Or lavish of my treasure, thou must come

Back to the heart's place here I keep for thee!

But many a widower and many a widow are faithful and not faithless. Their love holds them fast until "the little minute's sleep is past."

After all, it is a merciful blessing that no husband and no wife can foretell and foresee which of the twain will die first.

IF GERMANY HAD WON

Forgotten Aspects of
the Great War
By "AN OLD STAGER"

IT is distinctly exasperating, to those who endured the privations and miseries of the Great War, to have a slightly pert post-war generation asking whether it was worth while. The answer is quite simple. Thanks to the steadfast and devoted self-sacrifice of some millions of good fellows, amateur soldiers most of them, who hated the job, the roots of democratic freedom have not yet been completely destroyed in Europe.

One usually finds that those who are most insistent in asking whether the 1914 adventure was worth while, or most emphatic in declaring it to have been a colossal piece of lunacy, are those who most dislike dictatorship and totalitarian government.

If Great Britain had not thrown her weight into the conflict on the side of the Allies, there is not much dispute that Germany and the Central Powers would have won the War.

In that event the critics of those who fought for freedom twenty years ago would now be performing unpleasant genuflections and giving the Nazi salute by numbers.

Hegemony of Europe

Does anyone believe that, having over-run France and conquered Russia, Germany would have been content to stop short at a partial hegemony of Europe?

The United Kingdom would have been reduced to the condition of a small vassal State, and made a dumping ground for German merchandise.

The British Empire, moreover, would have been broken up, and the Anglo-Saxon tradition would have become a relic of history. In these circumstances what would have been of all our elaborate and costly social services?

Because the pretty notion that this island could exist as another Switzerland, keeping remote from all Continental quarrels, is just village idocy. With a dismembered Empire our home population, which is more densely distributed than any other in the world, would simply have to tighten its belt and starve.

Two premises therefore emerge. First, we could not have kept out of the Great War, with any intelligent regard for our own immediate material and intellectual future. Secondly, if we had not won the struggle, we should have been reduced to the level of taxpaying helots.

A victorious Germany, as the records of 1870 prove, would not have tolerated any of the shuffling and dodging that we have done in the case of our vanquished enemies. We should have been saddled with a prodigious indemnity, and Germany would have exacted the uttermost kopek of the grand total.

So, when we survey existing conditions with critical disenchantment, let us reflect also how much worse they might have been had the 1914 issue gone the other way.

Change of Directorate

But there is a further question. How comes it that the "war to end war" has so signally failed of its avowed objective? That is another story.

There is a theory, widely put about by those who hold it, that the Peace Treaty was an iniquitous blunder. I am not going to contend that the statesmen who framed it at Versailles were in all respects well inspired. But how much substance is there in the argument that had France treated the early German Socialist Republic more sympathetically, we should have had no Hitler and no Nazi symptoms in Germany?

The German War Lords had themselves let loose in Eastern Europe the virus of Red Communism. Is it not quite certain that, in any event, Bolshevism would have invaded Germany, however kindly France had behaved towards her late despoilers, and that the Teutonic revolution from that menace would have taken some such form as the present regime in Germany?

In fact the German Revolution was merely a change of German directorate. The spirit of the German people remained just the same as it was in 1914 and the years preceding that ominous date.

That is proved conclusively by the enthusiasm with which Hitler's regime has been hailed by the overwhelming majority of all classes in Germany to-day. Hitler did not create that frame of mind. He merely helped it to express itself.

It is the old firm with a different board of directors in charge, but imbued with just the same policy and ambitions as the old rulers of Germany.

Systematic Evasion

From the very first there was no sincerity in Germany's observance of the peace terms. She had to surrender her fleet, but her disarmament gesture was a pretence. She set her

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Personalities of Old Hongkong

PENURY FORCED HIM TO MIGRATE:
H. K. GAINED WHEN HE MADE GOODFUNG PING-SHAN WAS
GENEROUS DONOR TO
EDUCATION IN H. K.

By T. Paul Gregory

AS IN OTHER PLACES WHERE THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF T'ANG HAVE ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES, THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE PERCENTAGE OF THE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN HONGKONG WHO HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH EDUCATION.

The Chinese have realised, more than any other nationality, that *hak-man-chi-to* ("the way of learning") is the principal one which leads to the development of good citizenship.

One of the most noteworthy sons of our Colony who has played a conspicuous part in this field was Mr. Fung Ping-shan.

Mr. Fung Ping-shan was born in the year 1860 in a little village of Tai-lung-lai near Sunwui city, Sunwui District, Kwangtung Province, and died in Hongkong at his residence, in Park Road, on August 2, 1931.

Like many of those indomitable Chinese who hark from the Sze-yup, he did not have the same opportunities for acquiring a well-rounded education as his contemporaries Sir Kai Ho Kai and Dr. Wu Ting-fang. Indeed, the penury of his native village early forced him to emigrate, so that at the age of 15 he went to Siam, where he joined his paternal uncle, a merchant in Bangkok.

Here he remained until he was 20, when his relative sent him back to the home town in order to marry. The marriage, of course, was conducted after the manner of those times, his bride being chosen for him by his father. She came of a respectable family, although one not blessed with an abundance of this world's goods.

There is an incident which reveals the character of the man. It is said that whilst with his uncle in Bangkok a certain wealthy merchant and leader of the Chinese community in the Siamese capital took an especial interest in the promising youth, so much so that he offered the hand of his own daughter as a concubine, with the additional stipulation that her dowry would be a generous one. Mr. Fung, however, declined the well meant offer, quoting as a reason for his refusal the common saying: "Chuk-moon tai muk-moon." ("A bamboo door should face a bamboo door, and a wooden door should face a wooden door").

VISIT TO SZECHUAN

In 1882 the death of his father occurred and Mr. Fung, like a dutiful son, returned to his natal home to officiate in the funeral rites.

After the expiration of the prescribed period of forty-nine days of religious observance, Mr. Fung undertook a business venture into the heart of little known Szechuan Province. In this mountainous section of the Chinese Republic a wealth of Chinese herbs and medicinal substances are to be found; consequently, Mr. Fung, who had incidentally learned the herbals in Siam, became forthwith a buyer and exporter of Chinese medicines.

His business acumen was such that after ten years of concerted effort he was able to amass a comfortable fortune and returned to Canton.

In the latter part of the century he became one of the most prominent merchants of the metropolis and, as a leader in the Medicine Dealers' Guild, was chosen to act as director of a number of Canton charitable institutions, one of which was the well-known Fong Pin Hospital.

In 1904 there was a very severe famine in Kwangtung Province and Mr. Fung was chosen to head a committee sent to Hongkong to purchase rice and other food stuffs for the alleviation of suffering in the Province. Although large quantities of rice were bought, the amount was not sufficient. Ready money was not available at the moment, but so esteemed was Mr. Fung's integrity that the Rice Merchants' Guild offered him credit without question. He was able to arrange for the immediate despatch of the rice to Canton, and many lives were saved.

CAME TO HONGKONG

Early in the first decade of the present century Mr. Fung removed to our Colony, which he thereafter made his residence until the time of his death. Here, on account of his benevolence, he became one of the most prominent members of the Chinese community.

The Tung Wah Hospital became his special interest, and he served on several occasions as its adviser, director and chairman.

Like his compatriot, Sir Bosham Wei-yuk, he devoted himself to the welfare of the Chinese masses, and was especially prominent in the work of the Po Leung Kuk. He was an unofficial Justice of the Peace, and, as a member of the District Council, he was a member of the District Watch Committee.

Being a business man, commerce was of course his forte, so we find Mr. Fung one of the founders and permanent directors of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd. He was also Managing Director of the Yu Hing Co., Ltd., and for many years served on the directors of Chinese Estates, Ltd., and many other public and private companies in the Colony. Ad-

ditionally, he was a life member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and was proprietor of the Yick On Bank and Siu Fung Hong—two of Hongkong's flourishing Chinese financial enterprises. His commercial interests, too, had many ramifications, extending as far as Siam, Annam and India.

Mr. Fung's record of public service was, as the Hon. Mr. North once said, "one of which any man might have been proud." Education, however, was his pet hobby, and he devoted much of his time in his later years to the promotion of cultural learning in Hongkong. Perhaps the reason for his solicitude was the fact that he himself was a self-made man. Denied, by the exigencies of fate, the opportunity to acquire anything beyond the most elementary education, he felt the most fitting purpose to which his wealth might be devoted would be the erection of a public library for the use of aspiring Chinese students of the Colony. There-

fore he donated sufficient funds to build the Fung Ping-shan Chinese Library, which stands on the University campus as a memorial to his philanthropy and altruism. Mr. Fung was also founder of the University's School of Chinese Studies, and took a prominent part in the establishment of the Aberdeen Industrial School, together with Sir Robert Ho Tung, donating \$200,000 for this purpose.

His native district of Sunwui also benefited greatly from his benevolence, and throughout that section of Kwangtung may be found free schools established through his generosity. Amongst these may be mentioned the Fung Ping-shan Higher Primary School, which has been recognised by the Department of Education as the model of its kind in the province of Kwangtung. The district of his birth also has a magnificent collection of Chinese books housed in a building dedicated to the memory of his father, and called the King-tong Memorial Chinese Library. The monument of the cultural heritage of China's sages and learned scholars is acclaimed the only private library in the whole of the Sze-yup.

Sun Yat-sen University at Canton also benefited from his munificence, as he was the donor of the building of the Higher Primary School connected with this institution of learning.

The most fitting summary of the life of Mr. Fung may be gathered from some of his own aphorisms, one of which was as follows: "When you are thinking of your parents' fortune, you must suppose your parents to have more children than they really have; but when you are asked to contribute to the family you must regard yourself as being the only child." Another was: "In dealing with the world in general, the first thing to bear always in mind is not to deceive others, the second is not to allow others to deceive oneself."

Mr. Fung's life was a life of service to his country and his people, and his death is a loss to Hongkong and to the Chinese community.

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MR. FUNG PING-SHAN

DEATH OF MAN
WHO THREW NEW
LIGHT ON BIBLE

Dr. Alphonse Mingana, one of the most famous theologians and Orientalists in the world, has died at his Birmingham home. He was 55 years of age.

For 18 years Dr. Mingana was custodian of Oriental manuscripts at the John Rylands Library, Manchester, and in 1932 became honorary Professor of Oriental Languages and Islamics in the Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham.

Sneeze Dislodges
Shrapnel 20 Years
Embedded in Nose

Sydney, Dec. 30. A sneeze has done for Daniel Dwyer, of Melbourne, what would have required a delicate operation—it removed a piece of shrapnel that had been at the top of his nose for 20 years.

Dwyer was wounded at the battle of Passchendaele in 1917, and spent two years in a hospital. He had a short fit of sneezing, and a bit of shrapnel resembling a bent dime dropped into his mouth.

"There are many bits still there," Dwyer said. "A doctor said that the shrapnel apparently had been embedded between the eyes and the nose."—United Press.

In the years 1924-33 he paid several visits to the East. The value of his discoveries then were revealed only after long and patient translation in his study in the Rylands.

One manuscript, damaged by damp and not well enough preserved to justify reproduction, was found to be a most precious relic of early Christian literature.

It bore the title, "The Book of Faith," and was one of the writings of Bishop Theodore which had been lost to Western readers for upwards of 1,500 years.

STORY OF CRUCIFIXION

In 1928 Bible records were considerably amplified by two documents which he discovered and translated. These—"The Lament of the Virgin" and "The Martyrdom of Pilate"—elaborate the story of the Crucifixion as it affected the lives and actions of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Pontius Pilate.

The Mingana collection of MSS. found a definite home in the Selly Oak College library in 1932.

In 1934 he published the catalogue of Arabic manuscripts which he collected during three visits to Middle and Near East. In the 318 volumes there were actually 1,535 distinct works.

During the work of translating these a number of important discoveries were made, including the earliest known apology for Islam as against Christianity (A.D. 850) and a charter of protection of Christians granted in 1130 by the Caliph of Baghdad.

Dr. Mingana, who had been ill for several months, leaves a wife, a son and a daughter.

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London).

12.42 Albert Sandler and His Or-
chestra.

Faust (Gounod)—Fantasia; Hassan
Serenade (Dellus); None But The
Weary Heart (Tschalkowsky); Sandler
Minuets (Intro. Mozart, Bizet, and
Boccherini minuet).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.

1.03 Excerpts from Puccini's
Operas.

"Tosca"—Selection Marek
Weber and His Orchestra; "La Bo-
heme"—Musette's Waltz Song
Grace Moore; "Manon Lescaut"—In-
ternuncio Milan Symphony Or-
chestra; "Turandot"—Weep Not Liu
Chen; "Aida"—Selection (Tenor);
"Madam Butterfly"—Selection
New Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press;
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.40 Variety.

Jubilee Music Hall Parade (1922-
1935); Sandy Dentist (Sketch) ...
Sandy Powell; Let Yourself Go ...
I'm Putting All My Eggs in One
Basket Boswell Sisters; Cin-
della (A Burlesque Pastoral) Effie
Atherton, Bertie Wilmot Bobby Com-
ber, Leonard Henry and Company;
"Follow The Fleet"—Selection
Anton and The Paramount Theatre
Orchestra—Reginald Foort at the
Organ.

2.15 Close Down.

8 to 7 p.m. Dance Programme.

7.00 p.m. Dance Music.

Foxtrot—The Night is Young, and
You're so Beautiful; Waltz—Seal it
with a Kiss ... Roy Fox and his Or-
chestra; Foxtrot—Angel of the Great
White Way; Tango Foxtrot—Where
the Cafe Lights are Gleaming—New
Mayfair Dance Orchestra; Foxtrot—
You Gotta Know how to Dance—
Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

7.15 London Relay—"Take Your
Choice."

A Weekly Entertainment Feature
presented by William MacLurg.

7.45 London Relay—A Theme and
a Song.

Songs about Boots and Shoes—The
Boy, The Girl, and the Trio with
Joe Marais and His Band.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.

8.03 Studio. Harry Talbot (Bar-
itone) and A. T. Lay (Piano).

1. Early Morning. The Little
Waves of Baffin (Graham Peck) ...
H. Talbot; 2. The Holy Boy (Ir-
eland) ... A. T. Lay; 3. Fill a Glass
With Golden Wine; Love's Philosophy
(Guilford) ... H. Talbot; 4. Composi-
tion by Balfour Gardiner ... A. T.
Lay; 5. "Hills" (La Forge) ... H.
Talbot.

8.25 New Mayfair Orchestra and
Frances Langford.

"Happy Memories"—Selection ...
Orchestra; It's Like Reaching for the
Moon; Long Ago and Far Away ...
Frances Langford; Globe Trotting
with the Tiger ... New Mayfair Or-
chestra; "Going Greek"—Selection ...
New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.50 Talks on Australia's 150th
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9.00 London Relay—Stars of Aus-
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son, Madge Elliot and Cyril Prit-
tard, Madge Elliot and Cyril Rit-
tard.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m. Beethoven—Kreutzer
Sonata in A Major.

Played by Albert Sammons and
William Murdoch.

10.23 Conchita Supervia (So-
prano).

La Zingarella (Paisiello); Pastora
(Mirando); Un Barberillo Allegro
(Prado); Sentir Glano (Arenilla).

10.33 Organ and Choral Music.
Truenerol (Schumann); Andan-
tino in D Flat (Lemare); Edwin
H. Lemare (Organ); Mystic Woods
(Based on "Raymond" Overture) ...
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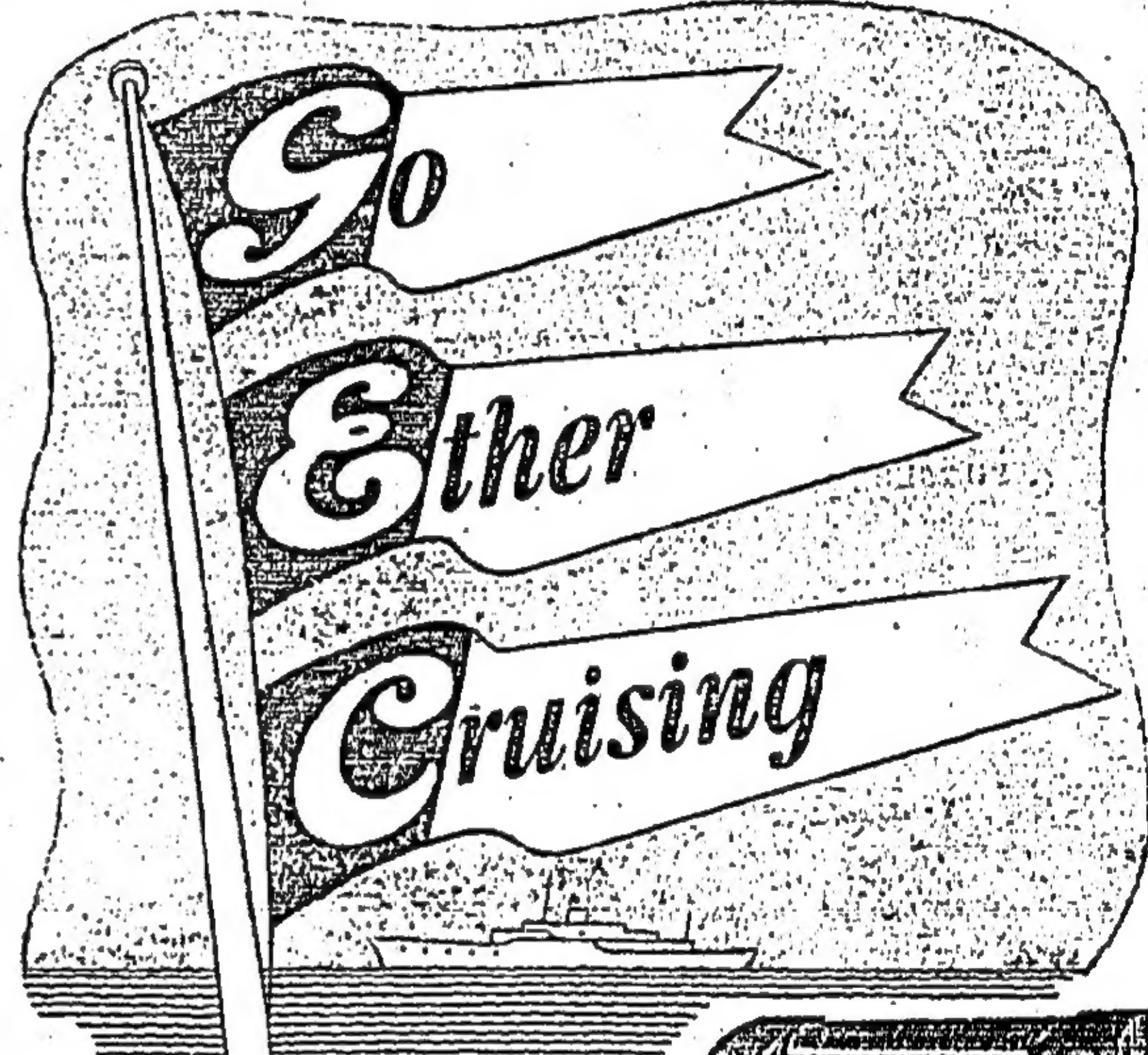
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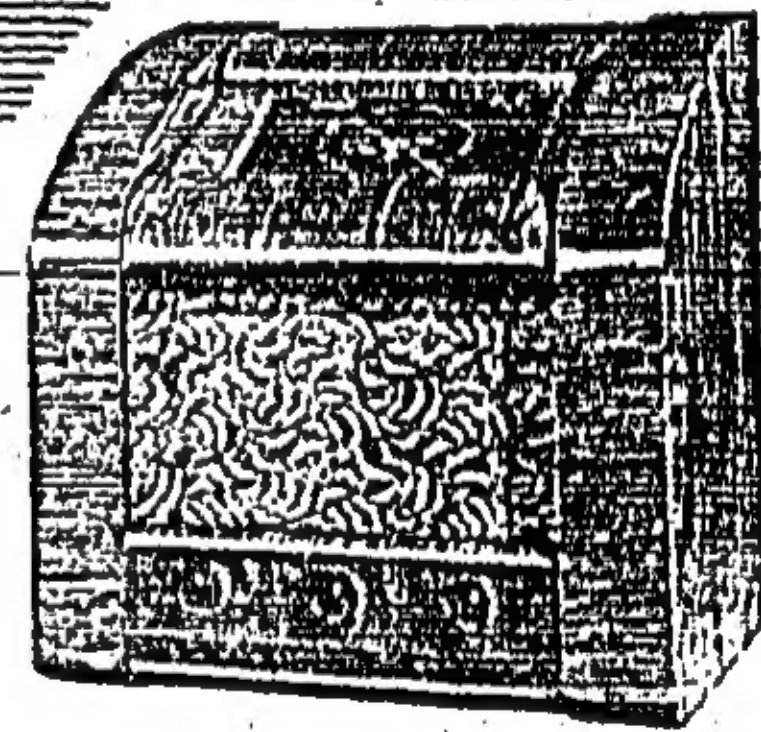
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WEEK-END
FOOTBALL
FIXTURESChina To Meet Scotland
On Monday

The following are the local League football fixtures for the week-end:

SATURDAY, Jan. 29

First Division

Kowloon Chinese v. Seafarths (Kowloon), 4 p.m. Referee, Mac-Cormac. Linesmen, Stone and Phillips.

Middlesex v. Kowloon (Sookun-poo), 4 p.m. Referee, Ip. Linesmen, Edwards and Brothwell.

St. Joseph's v. South China "D" (Causeway Bay), 4 p.m.

Club v. Eastern (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m. Referee, Omar. Linesmen, Hobson and F. G. Smith.

Second Division

Eastern v. Club (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m. Referee, Silva.

Kowloon v. South China (Kowloon), 2.30 p.m. Referee, Clarke.

Middlesex v. Seafarths (Sookun-poo), 2.30 p.m. Referee, Youngs.

Chinese Suppers v. Police (Millitary), 2.30 p.m. Referee, Farr.

Kwong Wah v. 5th Bde. R.A. (Chatham Road), 4.15 p.m. Referee, Dove.

JUNIOR SHIELD REPLAY

Navy v. Royal Engineers (Causeway Bay), 2.30 p.m. Referee, Havelaar.

MONDAY, JAN. 31

Sunday Herald Cup

China v. Scotland (Caroline Hill), 3.30 p.m. Referee, Martin. Linesmen, L. A. French and Johns.

TUESDAY, FEB. 1

First Division

South China "A" v. Police (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m. Referee, Finch. Linesmen, Barretto and Morecroft.

Second Division

5th Bde. R.A. v. Royal Engineers (Sookunpoo), 4.15 p.m. Referee, Havelaar.

Third Division (Hongkong)

5th Bde. R.A. v. Service Corps (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m. Referee, Hartley.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Sydney, Jan. 25. New South Wales is assured of winning the Sheffield Shield. The match against Victoria was drawn to-day, scores being, New South Wales 371 and 112 for 4 declared; Victoria 123 and 143 for 5.—Reuter Bulletin.

LAST FOUR REACHED

Von Cramm, Budge, Quist And Bromwich

Adelaide, Jan. 25. In the quarter-finals of the men's singles of the Australian tennis championships to-day, G. von Cramm beat Vivian McGrath 6-2, 3-0, 4-0, 7-5, 6-0 and J. Bromwich beat Gene Mako 6-4, 7-5, 6-2. Adrian Quist and Donald Budge also won their matches.—Reuter Bulletin.

PERRY BEATS VINES

Great Falls, Jan. 25. Fred Perry defeated Ellsworth Vines 6-4, 8-6, 10-8, thus stretching his series lead.—United Press.

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

Prices continue to advance and the undertone is firm. Enquiries are general all round and a better feeling is perceptible.

Manila is firm with some stocks showing an improvement.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,400
Bank of East Asia \$22
Union Insurance \$502
China Underwriters \$1,400
Doughces \$27 1/2
I.L.K. Steamboats \$11
I.L.K. & K. Wharves \$115
I.L.K. & W. Docks \$24 1/2
Providents (Old) \$2.35
Providents (New) \$4.40
Humphreys \$25
I.L.K. Realities \$4.35
I.L.K. Tramways \$14.20
Peak Trams (Old) \$9 1/2
Star Ferries \$20
Yamutai Ferries \$24
China Lights (Old) \$10 1/2
China Lights (New) \$7.35
I.L.K. Electric \$34 1/2
Telephones (Old) \$25.50
Telephones (New) \$25 1/2
I.L.K. Ropes \$4 1/2
Dairy Farms \$10
Shai Cottons \$1.50
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Constructions \$1 1/2
Wallace Harpers \$3 1/2
Marmans (I.L.K.) 3/6
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Always full of life, Fred Astaire mentally rehearses a dance while Argyle Nelson, assistant director, looks the dancing star's trousers in the socks for a comedy scene. In "KO Radlo's 'A Damsel in Disguise' Astaire will be seen with George Burns and Gracie Allen, famous team of the radio and screen.

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Jan. 25. S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets:

The market to-day was adversely affected by the new rules governing trading on the Stock Exchange. Short-selling caused early weakness of the frame. There were reports from Detroit that the Chrysler works were at least partially closing, but the market later hardened on denial of the report that Chrysler to-morrow was closing most of its operations indefinitely. On January 15th, the Bureau of Labour Statistics showed building prices at 92.1 compared with 92.3 last week and 92.8 a month ago. Some dividend action is anticipated. To the contrary, business loans in the Reserve Member Banks continued down.

S. C. & F. correspondent cables: Stocks: Securities were again in moderate supply and, barring some unexpected good news, we look for a lower market. Business failures for the week totalled 338. Bank deposits for the week amounted to \$14,487,000,000.

Cotton: The market to-day was dull, with incentive completely lacking. Spots and textiles were quiet. Out of 9 brokers, 3 are bullish, 1 is bearish and 5 are neutral.

Wheat: No moisture is reported from the dry regions of the South-West. Exports are small. Out of

FOOTBALL
SELECTORS
SHOULD START
WORK NOW

(By "Abo")

(Continued from Page 8.)

R.E. pivot, who although playing in junior football, is definitely up to First Division standard. I am afraid I have not seen enough of him to say whether he is better than Bright or Lau Hing-choi. The only time I saw him play this season was in the Junior Shield match between the Engineers and the Navy. But if he is better than either Bright or Lau, he must be very good indeed. I think the Selectors should bear him in mind and give him a trial, if trials are to be held. Of the Army wing-halves, Williamson (Seafarths) and Evans (Fusillers and Kowloon) will not be here; thus we are robbed of two men who might possibly be included otherwise. If Lau is selected, I think it would be wise to have Leung Wing-chiu in as well, as right-half, because these two have a fine understanding.

In any case I don't think the intermediate line will be appreciably weakened whichever three the Selectors pick among Bright, Lau, Leung, Beltrac, Bliss, Lee Kwok-wai and C. F. Remedios.

FORWARD PROBLEM

As in the civilian side, the forwards are again the problem. It is easier here, because in Yeung Shui-yick and Hau Ching-to we have the two speediest wingers in the Colony. I think the centre-forward position lies between Knox and Calvert of the Army. Fung King-choung may be preferred in some quarters, but it is a well-known fact that away from his team-mates, Fung is seldom at his best. The same may be said of Lau Shiu-wing, who might otherwise be given a chance to play either at inside left or inside-right. He is a more dangerous forward when spoon-fed by Fung, whose type of play, however, may not make headway against the visitors. I would like to see Saw of the Middlesex Regiment given a trial. He is a very clever inside forward, but at the same time he is very erratic in his shooting; more than once I have seen him balloon the ball over the bar from only a few yards out! An improvement in his shooting, and he would be almost a certainty, to my mind. Others who should be tried as inside forwards are Howlett (whose greatest fault is lying too far back), David Leonard, J. Gomes, Lau Chung-sang, Soong Ling-sing (Eastern), Jorge (Kowloon) and Lee Tuck-kee (Eastern).

11 brokers, 6 are bullish, 4 are bearish and 1 is neutral. Corn: The market to-day was dull. Some small exports were reported. Out of 5 brokers, 4 are bullish and 1 is bearish.

Rubber: The 10% cut in the quota exceeded general expectations, while the resultant advance in prices attracted larger dealer offerings.

Hides: The market to-day was active on better commission-house demand and covering by shorts. Packers' sales are reported at from 30,000 to 25,000 units, mostly consisting of light Native hides.

Sugar: The market to-day was quiet but firm on renewed covering by Cuban short-interests. There were few sellers.

Dow Jones Averages Jan. 24 Close
30 Industrials 128.89 128.33
20 Rail 29.70 29.34
20 Utilities 20.73 20.40
40 Bonds 89.57 89.17
11 Commodity Index 53.40 53.60

OUR GUIDE
TO THE
CINEMAS

"It's All Yours" (King's Theatre, to-day).—For those who like their entertainment light and frothy this is the very thing. The picture is full of nonsense but enjoyable nevertheless. Madeleine Carroll, the English actress, and Francis Lederer have the principal roles and are helped along by Mische Auer.

"Kid Galahad" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—A thrill-packed film, put over as only Edward G. Robinson and Betty Davis can. Humphrey Bogart and a couple of promising youngsters appear in support.

"Some Blondes Are Dangerous" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Final showings of this entertaining film. Added attraction is Norman Alley's screening of the Panny bombing.

"This Way, Please" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Charles "Buddy" Rogers, who recently married Mary Pickford, returns to the screen after a long absence. Here he is seen as a band-leader in a frolic of fun and music. The Midnight Follies give their final performance to-day at this theatre.

"There Goes My Girl" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Not a new picture by any means, having been shown at several other houses before, but it is one worth seeing. Gene Raymond and Southern are responsible for its success.

NEW GOLF RECORD

Pasadena, Jan. 24. Creating a new record in the Pasadena Golf Tournament to-day with a score of 278, Henry Picard won the first prize of \$700. Picard's final round was done in 69.

Jimmy Hines was second with 278, Byron Nelson third with 279, while Jimmy Thompson, who yesterday created another record with a round of 64 (seven under par), was fourth with 280.—United Press.



A SPECIMEN CASE

Case No. 2323

Father unemployed and returned to the country; mother an unlicensed fish-hawker. Three changes of diet were needed before the child, who could not take milk, was able to grow teeth. Congee was tried first, then oatmeal and now with beef soup and cod-liver oil, the child is going on well. Her elder sister of twelve attends the new Amah Training Class which Miss Seto is conducting at the western Centre.

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SPARE MOMENT PAGE

PHOTOGRAPHY

The SNAPSHOT GUILD
CHILDREN

When taking pictures of children snap them in a natural pose—doing something.

"STAND up straight now and look at me." "Put your hands down, darling, and smile. I want to get a good picture to send to Aunt Minnie."

Haven't you heard these two and many similar expressions on the part of parents when they are taking snapshots of their children? Let's hope you are not numbered among them for unless your child is quite apt at posing the result will be a rather unattractive snapshot.

First of all, as you know, young children are the cutest when they are perfectly natural. If a lot of fuss is made to get them to stand just so, or an effort is made to get them to do a certain thing, the chances are they will look too posed in the finished print.

There are two types of child pictures. I might say: just plain record pictures and the other kind you should strive to get—story-telling pictures. A little tot standing straight as an arrow with arms stiffened against the sides of the body and staring at the camera is a good example of a record picture, but snap a picture of that same little tot making mud pies, or playing traffic policeman, and you have a story-telling picture with real human interest appeal.

Children's pictures should always be taken fairly close up, rarely more than ten feet from the camera. If you have an ordinary box camera don't get closer than six or eight feet unless a portrait attachment is

placed over the lens. With a portrait attachment you can get as close as three and a half feet to your subject and get sharp, distinct pictures that will show every curl and dimple. By moving a lever on the newer type box cameras, however, you can shoot as close as five feet to your subject without a portrait attachment.

With a folding camera of focusing type, the closer the subject is to the lens the more care is required in estimating the distance. Set the pointer on the distance scale at the number of feet between the lens and the child. If you change your position for succeeding pictures, be sure to change the pointer to the proper distance mark.

And watch your backgrounds. A nice, attractive background adds so much to your pictures. Telephone poles, wires, unattractive fences, garages, and what have you, often spoil an otherwise artistic, fascinating human interest picture. In fact, any prominent off-side object in the picture will detract from the interest in what the child is doing.

Here's another tip. Try to avoid having the sun shining directly in the child's eyes, for the poor little fellow can't help squinting under such conditions and neither could you. Let the sun come from the side. This gives an interesting lighting and what professionals call "roundness."

Follow these "tips" and you'll get real joy out of your snapshots.

John van Gulder

ARTICLE

Last article in Anthony Weymouth's series
If Mr. and Mrs. Smith Suffer from Nerves

Just relax your
fears away

WHEN I said yesterday that you would do well to relax, did you wonder exactly what that meant? This is what I had in mind.

Nerves keep you strung up—you sit up tense, you lie down stiff as a poker, your arms and legs are rigid. This, of course, is the result, not the cause, of nerves.

But there is no reason why you shouldn't neutralise any bad tricks which your nerves have got you into. And once you have learned how to relax efficiently, and make a habit of it, you will get much less tired, Mr. Smith, and you will get ever so much more benefit from your leisure.

Try this. Lie down on a sofa or bed. Make yourself as limp as possible, and then get some one to lift an arm or leg. You will notice if it drops back like a dead weight. You will find, at first, that it is quite difficult to make yourself limp enough for this to happen.

Your limb will fall slowly—because you won't have learned the trick of banishing tenseness and substituting limpsness. When you have—you will know exactly how to relax.

But you mustn't think that it is only your arms and legs that matter. You must learn to lie so that the muscles of your neck, for example, are quite limp, and your whole body is slack.

I shouldn't be surprised if the result is a bit of a revelation to you. And you will wonder why it has never occurred to you before.

In Two Minds

HERE are a few more facts about your mind. Do you remember that the phobia forces you to do something you don't want?

Well, that is why a phobia is one kind of compulsion neurosis. Ever heard of that before? This compulsion neurosis makes you feel you want to do things you don't really want to do. Sounds rather contradictory, doesn't it? Either you do or you don't!

But it isn't really such nonsense as, at first sight, it seems. Disassociation explains it. This is what actually happens.

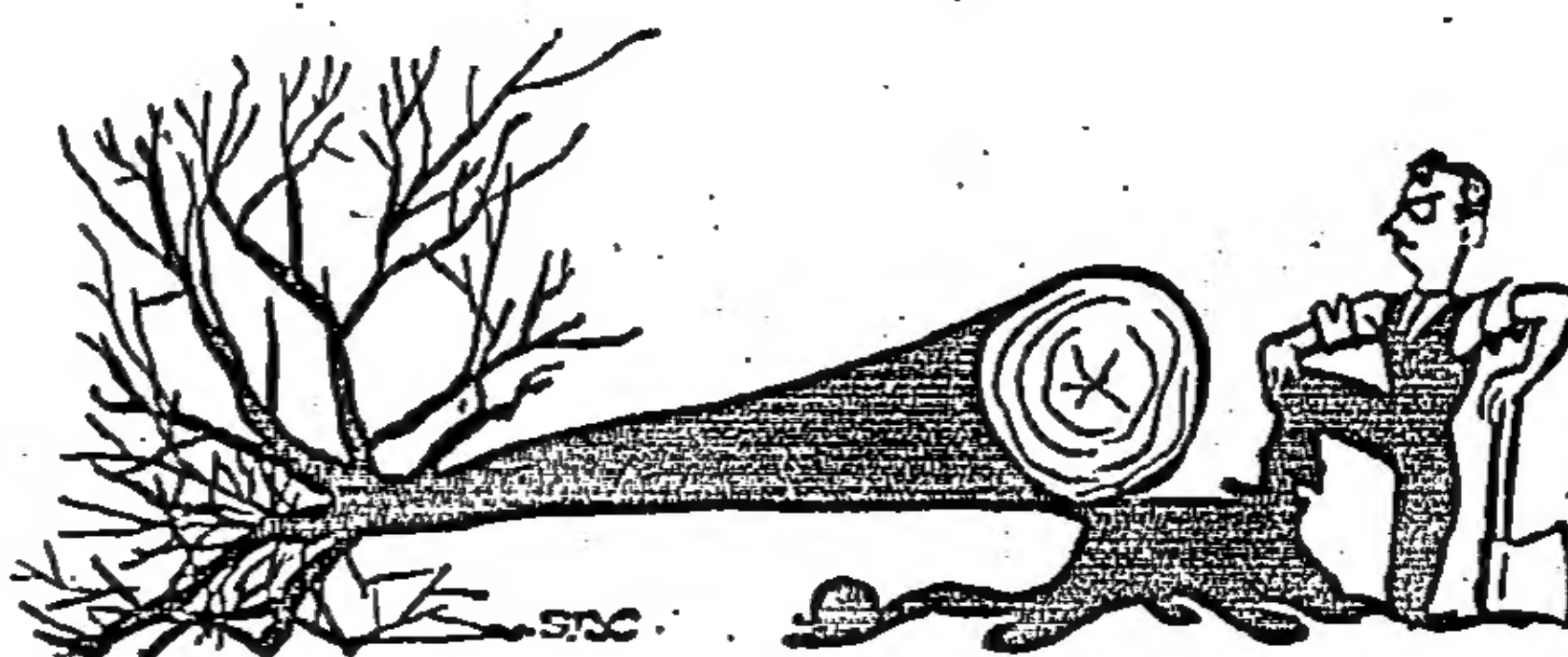
When you get this form of nerves, Mr. Smith, you lose, for the time being, your normal mental outlook. Instead of being able to make up your mind quickly you vacillate.

Ever heard the expression "He's in two minds" about something or other? Well, this is exactly what happens when you are dissociated.

Instead of one stream of ideas you get two. And sometimes you find it a pretty difficult job to decide which you will take.

Result

NOW suppose that one set of ideas is working under the surface—you can't see what it is really trying to get at. All you know is that you feel the result of this working. And that is an urge to do something you don't really want to. When that happens you get the makings of a compulsion neurosis.



"That's the tree I've always been frightened of in the dark."

You see, your own judgment tells you that it is ridiculous to avoid walking on the cracks in the pavement, or to fuss about arranging ornaments or pictures in an exact or precise manner.

Somehow you are unhappy if you have an urge of this sort and don't satisfy it. You also have a feeling (Note: that is something different from an idea—see below.) that if you don't give in to this urge there will be trouble. So you do—and feel a fool.

Now what is behind all this compulsion stuff? Just this. We are all superstitious, Mr. Smith. You and I, and any one else who is really honest with himself. And we are all afraid of consequences.

The fellow who has got an attack of nerves is just a bit more jumpier than the fellow who hasn't. So when he gets the notion that unless he touches the lamp-posts as he passes there will be something dreadful will happen—well, he just takes care to be on the safe side.

Just Obeys

AND now do you see where the feelings come in? He doesn't act as he does because he is a nit-wit and doesn't know he is being silly. He knows all right.

But he is allowing himself to obey the promptings coming from his unconscious, which are emotional, not reasonings. And so he is not able to take notice of those which are more intelligent but less frightening.

If you have ever thought about nerves you will see why these underground impulses can sway you when you are nervous.

If you doubt that we are all superstitious at heart, watch the people who avoid ladders. Think of Fridays, the month of May, the colour green, and your own reactions to sitting down thirteen at a table.

Doesn't your own intelligence tell you plainly that you are silly to take notice of such things? Some of them may have been good enough a thousand years ago, when people knew nothing of science, but nowadays—pooh! Yet what about it?

Does that make you any happier to get up first from a meal where there are thirteen people? Some one is sure to tell you a tale about a man who did this and died within a year.

Not Much Difference

YOU have spotted, of course, that there is a common

factor to both compulsion neuroses and superstition?

And that it's fear. But I wonder whether you have grasped something else—that there is a precious little difference between the man who is lit and the man who has got jitters? It is only a matter of degree.

You, Mr. Smith, funk walking under a ladder (although I expect you will deny it).

But, if you get nervous, you will funk it more, and you will add other things you funk to your repertoire. And then your life isn't too funny, is it?

Like Burglars

BUT what can be done about the compulsion neurosis? I will tell you.

The extraordinary thing is that nerves are rather like burglars—you don't see them at work, you only know that results. Equally, if you could find out what is going on you would perhaps be able to prevent those results.

Psychology shows what is underlying the phobia or the what-not, and when it has done that, hey presto! we are quite different. Instead of being afraid, we get a little bit of our confidence back and look the thing in the face.

I wouldn't be surprised if just reading about how it works hasn't made you despise its power a bit. I hope so, for that is the first step towards conquering the wretched thing.

Face Your Nerves

EVER had to walk through a wood in the dark? Every noise has seemed like some one hiding among the trees, hasn't it? Well, in the daylight you would know that it was only the wind among the branches.

Nerves are like that—the more you shut your eyes to them, the worse they are. The more you know about them and understand exactly how they got such a stranglehold on you, the less power they will have over you.

So, Mr. Smith, face your nerves as you face the income-tax demand. Don't shut them in a drawer and try to make yourself believe they don't exist. That makes them seem more powerful than they really are.

A careful examination will show you that these fears are swankers pretending that they have got you cold when they haven't.

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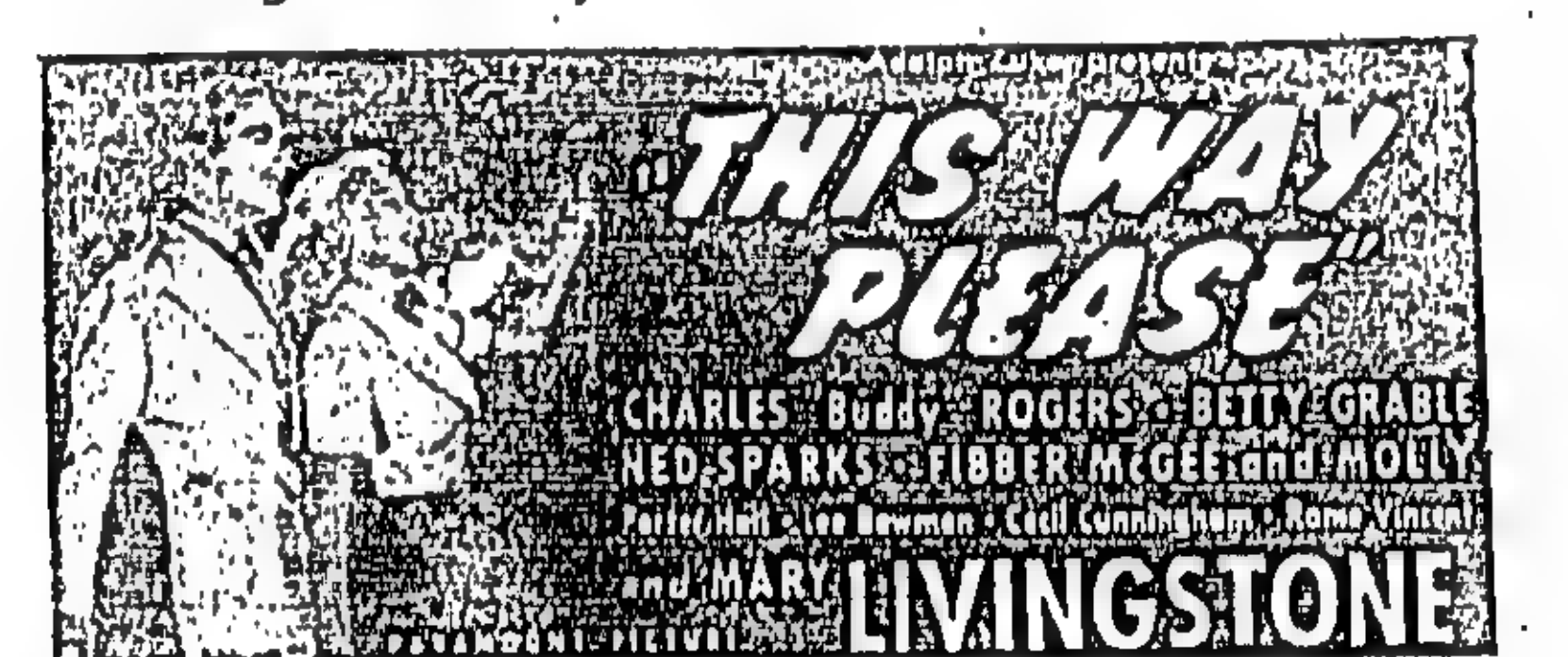
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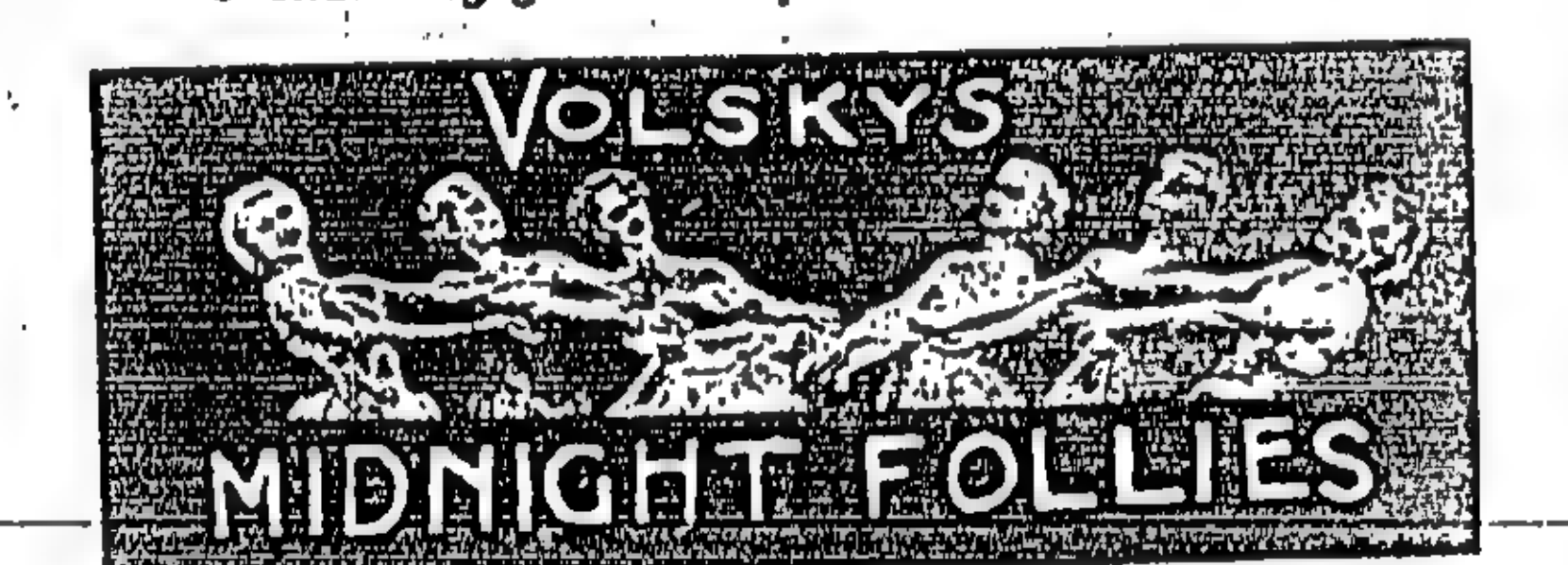
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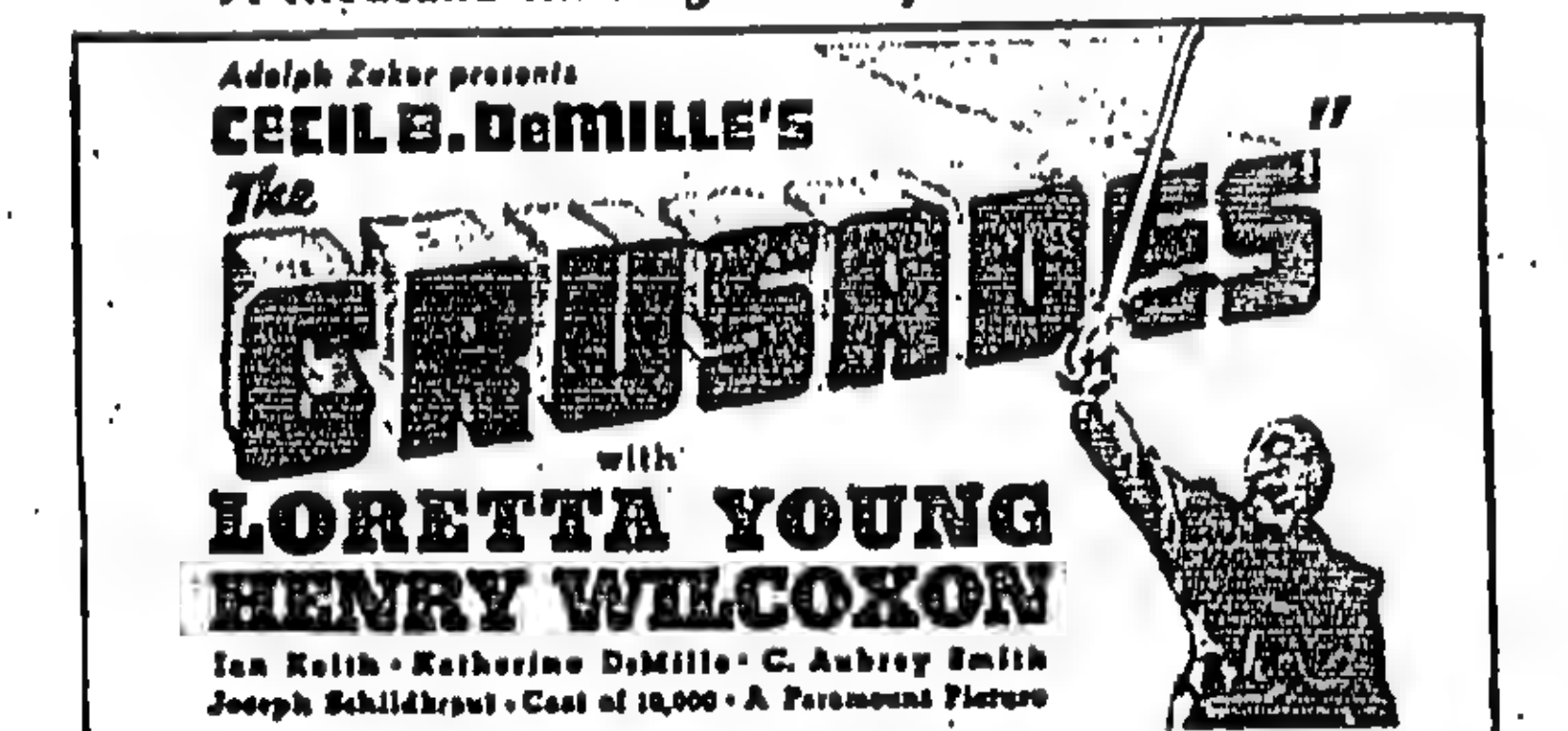
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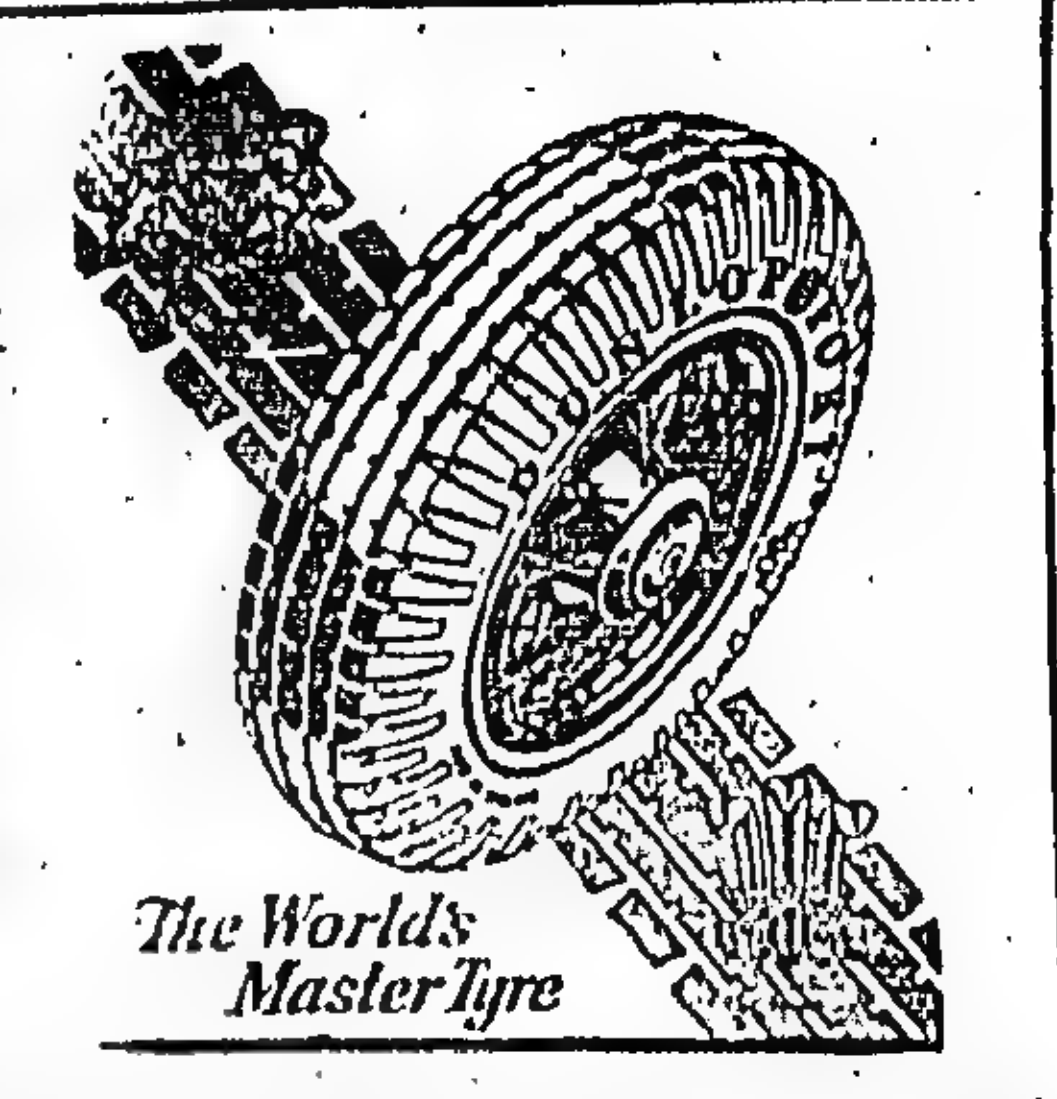
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CHINESE MAY INVADE MANCHUKUO

OLD HEROES OF 1932 FIGHTING PLAN CAMPAIGN

Japanese Definitely Checked in Drive Against Hsuehchow

Hankow, Jan. 26.
The veterans of the 1932 fighting in North China, men like General Ma Chan-shan, are talking of a daring campaign which will carry the war to Japan. They propose to invade Manchukuo and revive the old war of "irregulars" there, to harass the Japanese army in China. The latest news from the chief fighting fronts is in China's favour, meanwhile.

A Chinese Government spokesman, when asked at a press conference yesterday afternoon for the latest information from the Tientsin-Pukow railway front said the gap between the Japanese forces operating along the railway from the north and south, with Hsuehchow as the common objective, was 150 miles.

This shows that for almost a fortnight the Japanese have made no progress whatever, but it should be noted that both weather and the lack of troops have been against them.

Chinese confidence has been stiffened with the recent "purge", which, it is claimed, resulted in a strengthening of the authority of the Chinese High Command.

The Kwangsi General, Li Chung-jen, who is Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, is full of confidence that his subordinate commanders, who include Central Government, Kwangsi and other provincial troops, will not fail him.

The execution of Han Fu-chu which occurred at Wuchang yesterday is expected to be a clear object lesson to other commanders as to what they may expect if they do not obey orders.

TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

One school of thought maintains that with their overwhelming numerical superiority and closer co-ordination, the Chinese forces on the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai railways should be able to give a good account of themselves, especially as there is evidence that the Japanese, with their extended lines, are being genuinely harassed by guerrilla operations.

Another school takes the view that the Chinese fought well only once at Shanghai, that they have no unity of command, that their numerical superiority far exceeds that of the Japanese, once they launch a grand offensive, will be able to march wherever they wish.

POWERFUL CONCENTRATION

But whatever the outcome will be, there is no doubt of the preparations which the Chinese are making for battle. Chinese estimates place the number of troops concentrated at Hsuehchow alone at 200,000, and even if this figure be exaggerated 50 per cent, it is doubted whether the combined Japanese forces with their latest reinforcements, are numerically any stronger.

Much interest attaches to the meeting at Hankow between a number of China's "Guerrilla Generals", including Ma Chan-shan of Nanking, Li Tu, Su Ping-wen and other lesser known figures who were active as leaders of "volunteers" after the Mukden incident.

MAY WAR IN MANCHUKUO

It is reported that among plans under consideration is the reorganisation of volunteers to conduct well-organised guerrilla warfare in Manchukuo.

One of the most remarkable visitors to Hankow at the present is Miss Liu Ching-yang, who, it is stated, is the official representative of mobile units aggregating 100,000 men who are operating in North China.

The increasingly important part played by guerrilla troops in the Sino-Japanese conflict is indicated by the reliance placed upon forces composed of such units.

JAPANESE ANXIETY INCREASES

Soviet's Activity Cause Of Tokyo Apprehensiveness

London, Jan. 26.
The Russian military and naval activity in the Far East is causing intense anxiety in Japan, according to the well-informed Daily Telegraph's correspondent in Tokyo.

The fear that Russia may intervene in the Sino-Japanese dispute, previously fuelled by the belief that the Soviet was crippled by internal troubles, has lately been revived.

This correspondent says that Japanese newspapers are filled with reports of Soviet preparations. Statements are published from travellers declaring they have seen great numbers of Russian submarines in the Far East waters.

The campaign of Tokyo against the Soviet menace appears to be officially inspired and is coupled with the appeals to Britain to adopt a far-sighted policy to realise the future of Asia is at stake.—Reuter.

Japan May Seek British Mediation

London, Jan. 25.
The belief prevails in informed circles that the Japanese Government has requested Japanese officials at home and abroad to endeavour to moderate anti-British sentiments by Japanese generally, and it is believed that the recent official statements in the Japanese Diet suggest that an opportunity for approach between the two parties might occur.

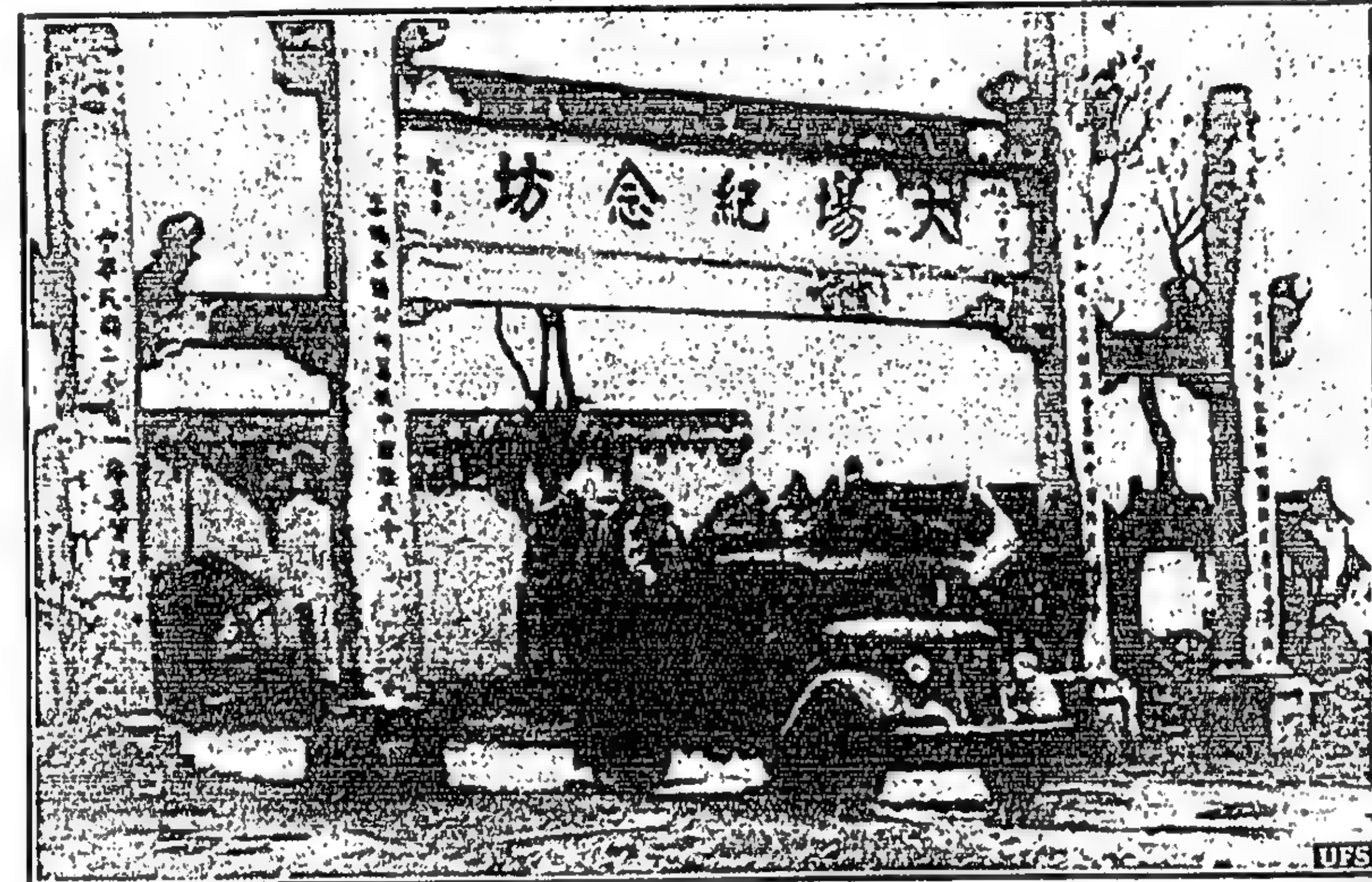
Meanwhile it is reported that Japanese representatives in the European capitals have kept Tokyo informed as to the desirability of taking steps to stop anti-Japanese sentiment abroad, and it is believed that the Japanese Government will welcome an offer of British mediation in the present conflict.—Reuter.

HUGE SUM FOR JAPAN'S ARMY

A bill providing for an appropriation of 4,000,000,000 yen for special military expenditure in connection with the China incident will be submitted to the Treasury within the next two days. The measure will reach the Lower House early next week.—Reuter.

Hongkong Trade Soars To New Heights

TROOPS MOVE BY TRUCK FLEET



"The speed with which the Japanese army drove against Nanking recently surprised many observers. It was made possible largely by the use of mechanical equipment, such as the fleets of trucks which carried infantry into the lines of action. Here, in the ruins of Tazang, fresh troops pass on their way to the front in one of the hundreds of lorries which serve the army."

GOVERNMENT REPORT DISCLOSES BULLION MOVEMENTS IN 1937

Bullion and treasure imported into Hongkong during 1937 reached the record sum of \$386,448,955. Practically the entire imports were from China.

During the same period Hongkong exported bullion and treasure, principally to Europe and the United States, to the value of \$395,226,524.

Imports represent an increase of over 500 per cent. compared with 1936, and 1,000 per cent. compared with 1935.

The major portion of imports comprised Chinese silver dollars valued at \$152,070,901 compared with \$45,241,301 in 1936 and \$6,727,200 in 1935; silver subsidiary coins (\$135,339,484 compared with \$740,496 in 1936; and banknotes totalling \$80,111,010 compared with \$22,545,864 in 1936.

Over 60 per cent. of the exports of treasure and bullion from Hongkong were Chinese silver dollars which totalled \$262,617,500 compared with \$2,975,093 in 1936.

TREASURE MOVEMENTS

The following comparative tables show import and export movements of treasure during the years, 1936 and 1937:—

	1936	1937
IMPORTS		
Bank Notes	22,545,864	80,111,010
Copper Coins	103,278	421,037
Gold Bars	3,636,463	11,112,926
Gold Coins	—	331,109
Gold Leaf	5,699	7,686
Silver Bars	45,241,301	6,448,118
S.K. Silver Dollars	277,420	170
Chinese Silver Dollars	45,241,301	152,070,901
Other Silver Dollars	22,446	—
Silver Subsidiary Coins	740,496	135,339,484
Total	72,720,408	386,448,955
EXPORTS		
Bank Notes	24,756,807	18,718,281
Copper Coins	234	1,294,773
Gold Bars	33,217,868	10,979,127
Gold Coins	760,049	2,967,141
Gold Leaf	356,132	551,304
Silver Bars	25,876	8,965,968
S.K. Silver Dollars	49,176,000	403,000
Chinese Silver Dollars	2,975,093	262,617,500
Other Silver Dollars	15,349,501	5,129,403
Silver Subsidiary Coins	17,201,973	67,810,953
Total	143,818,433	395,226,524
Total movement of treasure during 1937 amounted to \$781,675,479 as compared with \$718,500,000 in 1936 and \$424,700,000 in 1935.		

PASSENGER TRAIN ATTACKED

Chinese Report 30 Casualties On Canton Line

Canton, January 26, (2 p.m.)

Fourteen Japanese planes have been carrying out bombing raids on various sections of the Canton-Hankow railway since early this morning.

No details of damage or casualties are available at present.

Chinese reports say that Japanese planes bombed a passenger train on the Canton-Hankow railway at Ying-tak at 2 p.m. yesterday.

The plane raked the train with machine-gun fire killing and wounding 30 passengers.—United Press.

SINGAPORE READY FOR WAR GAME

Air, Land And Sea Forces Assemble

Singapore, Jan. 26.

With the arrival of Vice-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe, temporary Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, and Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Fleet, the stage is set for the start of the most extensive manoeuvres ever attempted in Singapore.

The exercises are scheduled to start on February 2 for the purpose of testing various defences, and warships and aircraft participating in the manoeuvres are now assembled in Singapore.

Planes numbering 110 will take part, and they comprise 30 local machines, 20 from the aircraft carrier, Eagle and 54 from Iraq and India, while warships total 20, including three sloops of the Royal Indian Navy, H.M.S. Eagle, the submarine parent ship, H.M.S. Medway, and ten submarines from China.

In addition, 10,000 troops, including a battalion from Hongkong, and Malay and Punjab regiments will take part in the exercises during which land batteries of 15-inch and 18-inch guns will be brought into action for the first time.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay, who is the son-in-law of the Duke of Connaught, is commanding the naval forces, and Major-General W. G. Dobble, O.C. Malaya, is in charge of the military forces. Air Marshal Tedder, the air officer commanding the R.A.F. in the Far East, is commanding the units of the air forces and defending forces.

HIGHEST TOTAL OF IMPORTS RECORDED IN COLONY HISTORY

Few Nations Fail To Improve Commercial Position During Record-Breaking Year of 1937

Topping the thousand million mark for the first time, Hongkong imports for last year reached \$1,003,512,922.

Compared with the year 1934, when imports totalled only \$415,900,000, this represents an increase in terms of dollars of over 150 per cent.

In terms of local currency total visible trade of the Colony increased by 35 per cent. as compared with 1936 and by 70 per cent as compared with 1935.

Even in terms of sterling total visible trade increased by over 32 per cent. compared with 1936.

Excluding treasure, the combined value of the Colony's imports and exports during the year amounted to \$1,084,400,000 (£66,000,000 as compared with \$803,300,000 (£50,800,000) in 1936 and \$636,000,000 (£41,400,000) in 1935.

CHINA'S TOTAL HIGH

Of the total declared imports of merchandise into Hongkong during 1937, China accounted for 34.2 per cent, or a total of \$211,321,000 representing an increase of \$59,200,000 over 1936.

Excepting China, Japan was the main exporter to Hongkong and despite the phenomenal loss of trade attendant on the Sino-Japanese conflict, exceeded her own record of \$58,039,000 in 1936, her total exports to Hongkong being \$58,044,000.

Britain and the United States were the principal exporters from Japan's loss of trade in the last four months of last year. American exports to Hongkong increased from \$32,181,000 in 1936 to \$51,770,000 last year, while Britain's exports increased from \$29,008,000 to \$40,732,000. The American exports are the highest in the Colony's history.

(Continued on Page 4.)

THOUSANDS VACCINATED

But Small-Pox Still Causes Many Deaths

Forty-four new cases of small-pox reported to the local health authorities for the 48 hours ending midnight bring the total since the beginning of the year to 147.

Sixteen cases were reported yesterday and 28 on the previous day. Thirteen of yesterday's cases proved fatal, bringing the total number of deaths to 87.

Many European residents of the Peak availed themselves this morning of the opportunity to receive vaccination at the St. John Ambulance centre set up at the Upper Peak Tram Station.

Mass vaccination of school-children, and of employees of Government and business offices, is continuing daily, and over 30,000 free vaccinations have been carried out since January 1.

The outbreak has proved most virulent in the residential area of Victoria. Of the 43 cases reported last week, 33 occurred in Victoria, five in Kowloon, two in Shaikwan and three in Aberdeen. There were no cases in the New Territories. Thirty-five of last week's cases proved fatal.

Twenty-four of the 28 cases reported on Monday were from Victoria, and 14 of the 16 cases reported yesterday were from the same area.

In addition to the 43 cases of small-pox the following notifiable diseases were reported to the health authorities last week:

	Total Since Jan. 1
Diphtheria	8
Typhoid	7
Measles	4
Dysentery	17
Tuberculosis	60

Easy-to-make BISCUITS

RUB 1/2 lb. of butter into 1/2 lb. of flour. Add 1/2 teaspoonful of baking powder and 1/4 lb. of sugar, 2 small eggs and 2 teaspoons of treacle. Roll out to 1/4 in. thick. Cut into rounds and bake 20 minutes in a moderate oven.

VARIATIONS: Flavour with (1) lemon essence, or (2) half a teaspoonful of mixed spice. Or (3) half a teaspoonful of nutmeg. Or (4) half a teaspoon of cinnamon. Or (5) 2 ozs. of desiccated coconut. Or (6) 2 ozs. of ground almonds. Or (7) 2 ozs. of currants or sultanas. Or (8) 2 ozs. of chopped nuts. Or (9) half a teaspoonful of ground ginger.

Using Pastry Scraps

ALL housewives who go in for pastry-making know how difficult it is sometimes to find a use for the scraps and trimmings of pastry that remain after a pie or tart has been covered. The following recipes offer suggestions for the solution of the problem.

Rissoles in Pastry

For these, besides the scraps of pastry, you will require some cooked sausage meat, or minced, or fish, bound with a spoonful of thick sauce. Roll out the scraps of pastry as thin as a sixpence, and cut into rounds. Brush the rounds over with beaten egg, and put a teaspoonful of the meat mixture in the centre of each. Fold the pastry over, and press the edges together.

Brush all over with beaten egg, toss in vermicelli, and fry to a golden brown in smoking hot fat. Serve on dish paper, garnished with parsley.

Banana Cream Pie

Ingredients:—Scraps of pastry; Two bananas; Two eggs; Grated rind of one lemon; Half-pint milk; 1 1/2 ounce flour; 2 1/2 ounce caster sugar; Juice of half a lemon.

Roll out scraps of pastry to make a "rim" round a pint pie-dish. Decorate rim with small rounds of pastry, and brush over with milk. Break flour to a smooth paste with milk. Bring the remainder of milk to boiling point, and add flour, stirring till smooth. Cool slightly; add the yolks of eggs and sugar, and cook gently for five minutes. Add bananas (sliced), also lemon, and pour into dish. Cook gently 30 minutes till mixture is firm; then pile stiffly-beaten whites on top, and dredge with caster sugar. Allow meringue to set for few minutes in cool oven.

Cheese Straws

The best pastry for this is a rich short crust. Knead into the "crust" as much grated cheese as it will take up (Pharmacist is best). Add a little more salt and a pinch of cayenne, and roll out in a strip of about quarter-inch thick and three inches wide. Cut into straws, and bake in a moderate oven till a golden brown.

Individual Ham and Egg Pie

Divide your left-overs in two, and roll each half into a thin round. With one round line a saucer, and fill about three-quarters full with bacon cut in strips with scrap sardines. Now break an egg into a bowl, and whisk slightly. Pour over bacon and sardines. Lay the other pastry round on top, brush over with beaten egg (a very little of whisked egg may be kept back for this purpose), and bake in a moderate oven about twenty minutes till lightly browned.

Sardine Rolls

Sardines; Cayenne pepper; Grated cheese; Salt yolk of egg; Scraps of pastry.

Drain sardines and roll in grated cheese. Roll out pastry thinly-cut into squares. Lay sardines in pastry squares. Season, damp pastry, and fold over. Glaze with yolk of egg, and bake in a hot oven 15 minutes.

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EVERYBODY EATS

—but how many know what to eat?

By GRACE WILSON

CONSIDERING the important purpose of food, the proportion of our time given to its study, preparation and consumption is not at all out of reason.

During the last 30 years certain conclusions regarding food substances have been arrived at by biochemists and physiologists.

There is nothing perplexing or complicated about the facts known, nothing that cannot be reduced to the simplest practicable terms for the ordinary household.

Variety That

Ensures Fitness

ACTUALLY, an easy understanding of the components of a complete diet is simple to attain.

And, applied habitually, it will not only ensure fitness instead of debility, but will also suggest a pleasant variety in the daily fare.

Remember that the essential body-building foods or proteins are to be found in lean meat, fish, eggs, cheese and milk.

The pulse vegetables—dried peas, beans and lentils also contain proteins, though of slightly less nutritive value than their animal equivalent.

FUEL FOODS

CARBOHYDRATES, in which category come starches and sugars, is the term which stands for fuel foods, which afford heat and energy, and never becoming part of the living tissues, being burnt up in the body.

Carbohydrates are turned to sugar during digestion, so are therefore of equal nutritive value.

Mainly composed of carbohydrates are: flour of wheat, oatmeal, sugar, treacle, honey, jam, custard powders, breakfast cereals, certain fruits and vegetables.

Fats are also fuel foods—valuable in moderation, though the digestion may be upset by too high a proportion of fat in the diet.

A day's meals, well-planned, should be balanced in the proportion of two-thirds carbohydrate to one-sixth fat and one-sixth protein, dry weight.

A certain amount of water should be drunk daily, and while most foodstuffs contain water, a consumption of from four to six pints, inclusive of other liquids, will benefit the system and help counteract poisons by washing away waste material.

Provided there is enough variety in the total foodstuffs eaten, the adequate amount of mineral salts will be supplied in them.

The Vitamins You Eat in Fruit

THEN there are fresh fruits and vegetables, the supreme importance of which as valuable adjuncts to the diet can scarcely be sufficiently stressed.

As a source of the various constituents in lesser or greater degree they are hardly less vital than as suppliers also of those chemical substances so essential to life—vitamins.

Though it would be impossible here to list all the foodstuffs in which vitamins are found, and there are, incidentally, diet cards obtainable on which the complete table has been drawn up, it might be useful to instance one or two.

Liver, cod and other fish oils, fish roe, some brands of margarine, and egg yolk, are rich in Vitamins A and D.

Vitamin C is supplied largely in oranges, lemons, grape fruit, swedes and carrots, tomatoes, blackberries, pineapple, raspberries. Vitamins A

and C are present in green vegetables. Wholemeal bread, the pulses, yeast extract, oatmeal, whole barley, water-cress, potato, leek and parsnips have been found to contain Vitamin B.

To serve plenty of potatoes, some wholemeal bread, and a little fruit in every household daily is desirable. Offer children an orange occasionally instead of sweets.

Less white starchy food and sugar could be eaten in the majority of homes with advantage, and some greenstuff or tomato should sometimes be provided at tea-time in place of jam.

JUST as a simple example of a "complete" meal in every respect we need look no further than for wholemeal bread spread with a good margarine, meat and green salad. In each of these menus below dishes have been selected to appeal to taste as well as for their nutritive content.

Breakfast

Cereal with sliced orange. Potato and Fish Cakes (freshly made). Honey Wholemeal Toast.

Tea Time

Watercress and tomato sandwiches.

Main Meal

Sausage Hot Pot. Sprouts. Baked Apples (filling of chopped raisins and a pinch of cinnamon). Baked Custard.

Breakfast

Herring Roast on Toast. Fresh Fruit. Crispbread or Toast. Marmalade.

Main Meal

Beef Loaf. Horseradish Sauce. Parsnip and Carrot Purée. Potatoes in Jackets. Fruit Milk Pudding.

Children's Main Meal

Egg and Potato Casserole. Steamed Spinach. Fresh Fruit in Jelly. Milk.

Sausage Hot-Pot

1 lb. beef ribs or stewing steak, 2 sausages, 2 carrots, 1 turnip, 1 onion, 1 or 2 leeks, 1 lb. potatoes, dripping, stock.

PRY the cut up meat till golden brown. Cover with a little stock, and add vegetables cut into pieces, season and simmer slowly for an hour. Then add sausages, cut up and rolled in flour, and the potatoes cut in halves, and cook for another hour or so till ready.

Beef Loaf

1 1/2 lb. beef, 1 small onion, 4 oz. raw ham or bacon, 1 pickled walnut, 1 egg, 1/4 teaspoonful made mustard, 4 oz. breadcrumbs, 1 teaspoonful chopped parsley, a little grated alepsic and nutmeg, a little meat glaze.

Mince meat, chop onion, and put in a basin with the other ingredients—the walnut cut up. Bind with the beaten egg to form a fairly stiff mixture.

Put the mixture into an oblong cake or bread tin, well greased, and cook in a moderate oven for two hours. After removing from oven, press with a weight for several hours till loaf is cold. Remove and brush over with meat glaze.

Fruit Milk Pudding

SPRINKLE 1 1/2 oz. seed pearl tapioca into a pint of boiling milk. Simmer till transparent and cooked. Add 1 1/2 oz. sugar and the yolk of an egg.

Put the fruit content and half the juice from a tin of strawberries, raspberries, loganberries, or black currants on to the bottom of a pie dish. Pour over tapioca mixture. Whip up the egg white, fold in a tablespoonful of sugar, and arrange on top. Finish in a moderate oven for twenty minutes.

Are Clever Women Dull?

DESPITE the frankness and friendliness of a modern world, there are still men who are scared of a clever woman. They doubtless imagine that she takes life too seriously, and that half an hour's conversation with her will ensure them an attack of the "blues."

That their fear of crossing conversational swords with her is in itself an indictment they are willing to forget. They feel themselves to be on safer ground with the flirtatious blonde who knows all the answers and none of the back answers to those tales which they have told with such monotonous regularity. In 1759 there was a Blue-Stocking Society, so called because at its meetings evening dress was "optional" and the men might wear ordinary blue worsted stockings instead of the more conventional black silk. Literary, or what we might call "high-brow," talk was the order of the day. In informal evenings, the over-popular card-playing being considered the province of low-brows. The term "blue-stocking" was subsequently applied to any man or woman with pretensions to literary tastes or learning.

This disposition to regard a clever woman as a Miss Sober-Sides probably dates from those days when a recently and hardly won emancipation set the then modern girl thinking of her new obligations. And from the beginning of the century right up to the present day it seems that every blue-stocking is required to prove herself the charming exception to this rule of universal dullness. For the fallacy that clever woman must of necessity be dull and unattractive dies hard.

Divided Types

It is our misfortune that even at this late date those who like the thrilling stuff of mankind labelled and segregated, still divide women into two main types: the frivolous and the serious-minded.

Some men ask for neither beauty nor brains, but just an ability to cook well or arrange the flowers nicely. I should hate to discourage them, but it seems to me that they, like many other bachelors, may have been judging us by our all-too-deceptive appearances. Even good cooks (if they also contrive to be clever and attractive women) seldom wear their soufles secrets on their sleeves.

There is, after all, no one so boring as the woman who is preoccupied with so-called feminine things, whose first thought is devoted to all the frills and flounces of a trivial world. The really clever woman puts these interests in their proper, unobtrusive places. Cleverness, like good cooking, cannot stand alone, however, and the blue-stocking without general intelligence and a sense of humour inevitably lacks charm, especially if she makes a parade of her particular form of cleverness. But the same may be said of men.

Encouraging a "Complex"

Many a clever woman in the past has been given either an inferiority or a superiority complex by a

family who insist on regarding her as "one smart," and possibly above the ordinary humankind. Either complex may well prove a brake on the full use of her talents.

There was the case of the woman novelist who for years hid the shamed face of her serious writing behind a non-de-clumpe. Her family were quite unaware of the extent of her activities, though most of her earnings were quietly slipped into the home to grease the educational wheels of young brothers and sisters.

Then she married, and while the mood of enchantment was strong upon her, she "knocked-off" a romantic novel. It was published under her own name, and to her astonishment proved a mild best seller. Publishers and public sat back and asked for more.

A "Dark" Secret

With the demand for her novels increasing, she naturally had very little time for the study and research which her more serious work involved. Moreover, since her husband knew her as the author of what literary assistants call "something light," she felt that she had better continue in the same vein and keep him in ignorance of her other self.

Her secret was only discovered, when she was ill and her husband attended to her correspondence for her. An urgent letter from her first publishers showed that people were asking for more of her serious writings, but the interesting thing was that her husband had been reading and enjoying her non-fiction work for years, without ever suspecting the identity of the author.

Reputations are uneasy garments for being clever may be as difficult to live up to as a reputation for being beautiful or being funny. The plain truth is that it is tiresome to have to be anything all the time.

Irene Styles.

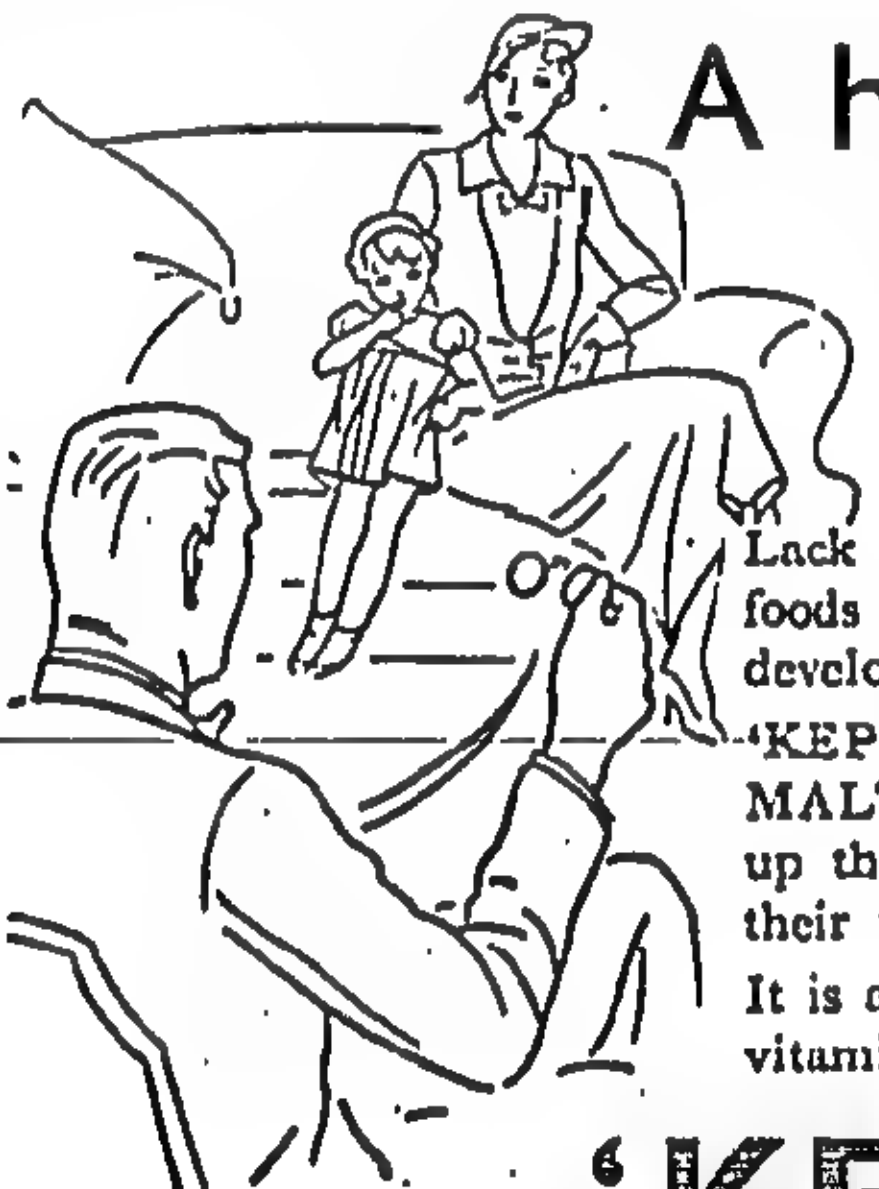


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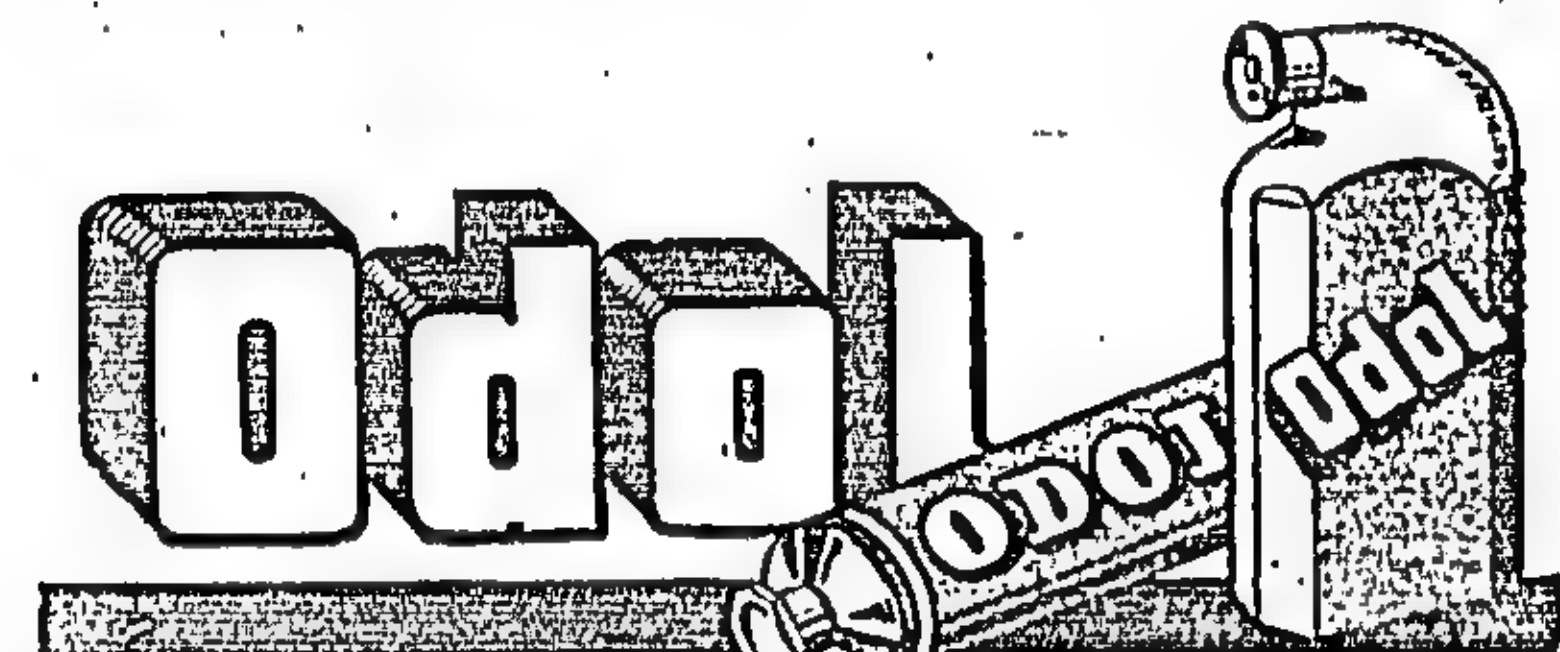


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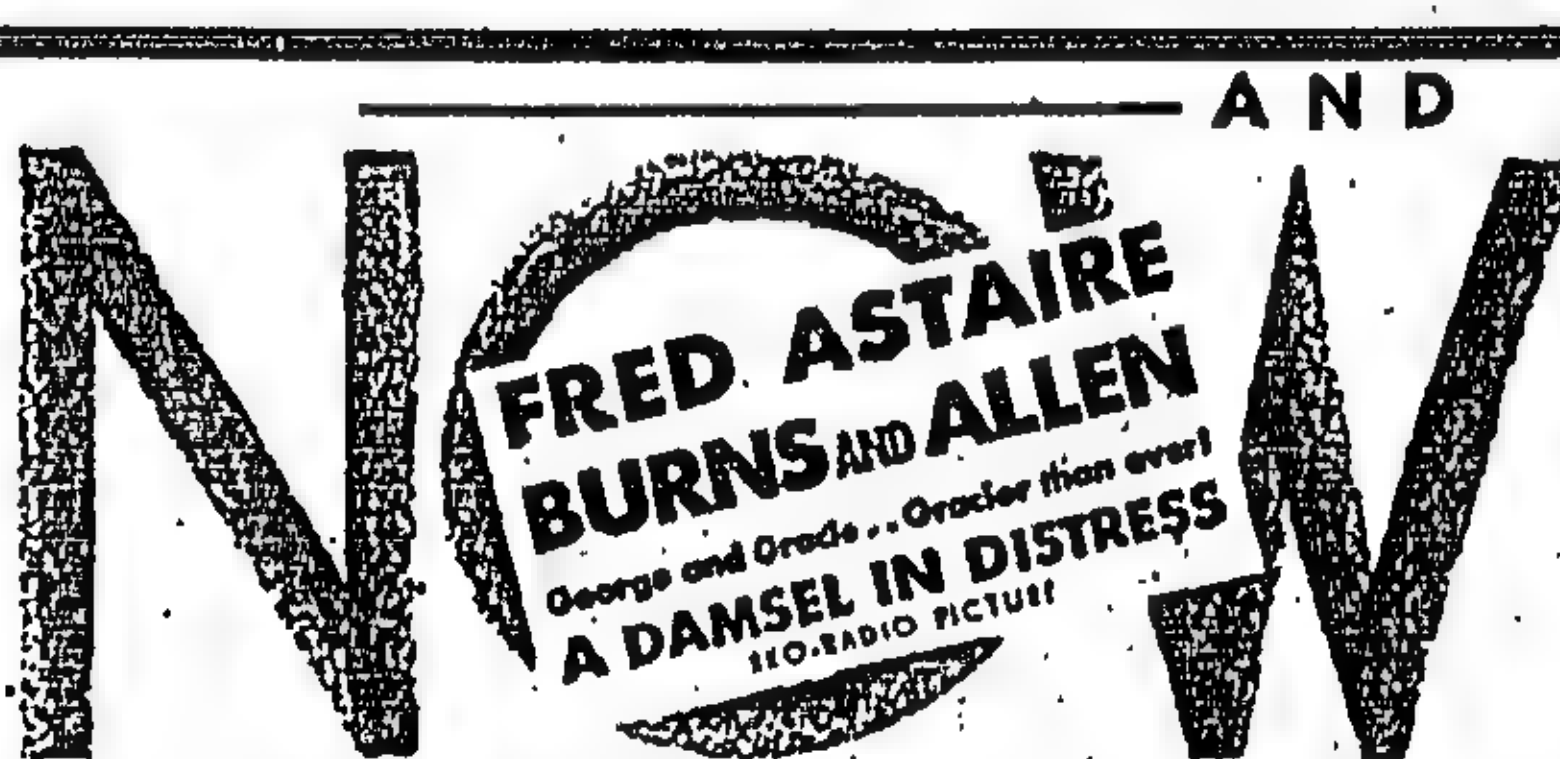
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Japan May Leave Army In China

DIET INFORMED ON DETAILS OF CHINA POLICY

Hirota Says Relations With Great Britain "Are Most Complex"

Tokyo, Jan. 26. Japanese troops may be stationed in China after the termination of the current hostilities. This was indicated to the House of Representatives by General Sugiyama, War Minister, replying to a query whether or not it was necessary to have permanent garrisons in China when peace is restored there.

Admiral Sugiyama said: "The Japanese army authorities are at present too engrossed with military operations to consider the question. However, we are carefully studying the problem of stationing troops, not only in China, but also in Manchukuo."

Other important declarations made by members of the Cabinet included Mr. Koki Hirota's statement that the four peace terms made public by him on January 22 would form the basis of any future peace negotiations, and his disclosure that the Japanese Government intended to demand full indemnification by China for damages suffered by Japanese nationals there.

Prince Konoze declared that the Japanese Government would never of itself have directly proposed peace to the Chinese Government.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

Questions asked by Mr. Benkyoshiro, Independent Member of Parliament and widely known as a religious leader included:

"Does the Government intend to appoint a Governor-General in North China to give political guidance to the authorities in that region?"

"Will it be necessary to station troops in various parts of China and to reorganise these military units as colonial troops?"

"Are the four peace proposals announced by Mr. Hirota also to be submitted to the new regime which is expected to appear?"

"Did Japan desire peace through a third party last October when fighting was still in progress in Shanghai?"

Mr. Benkyoshiro also referred to the German Government's statement on January 19 which said that both the Chinese and Japanese Governments expressed a desire for German co-operation in reaching a peaceful settlement.

PRINCE KONOZE REPLIES

Replying, Prince Konoze, the Prime Minister, said Japan might consider establishment of certain machinery for extending the political guidance of North China at an opportune time.

He said the Japanese Government had consistently sought China's reconsideration of her attitude from the beginning of the incident last year to January 1 of this year when the Japanese Government issued a statement enunciating its China policy.

"The Government never of itself

BLIZZARD DEATHS IN U.S.

States Blanketed; Families Isolated

New York, 26. A blizzard has howled out of the north-west across upper Michigan, crippling with ice and snow nearly half of the nation. Sometimes a 50 miles an hour gale filled 20 foot drifts in the Michigan peninsula and isolated hundreds of families in farmhouses. It is feared their fuel and food is inadequate.

At Ironwood, Michigan, 50 children were mired in a high school five miles outside of the town, and others took refuge in a farmhouse when the school bus was trapped in drifts.

Throughout the State, highway workers rescued more than 100 marooned motorists, and at Marquette, Michigan there was a failure in the power for many hours. At Marquette, a fire at the peak of the blizzard destroyed three down-town buildings, and at Holland, Michigan, Coast Guardsmen sought fishermen who were reported to be inside a flimsy cottage which had been blown into Lake Macatawa.

At Bessemer, Michigan rescuers are seeking a woman who has been missing for 24 hours, and across the line at Eschping, Bessemer rescuers rushed food to marooned miners.

SEVEN DIE

Elsewhere seven died in a blizzard while summoning aid for parents who were fighting a fire in their home, while at Reine two were killed in automobile accidents. At La Salle, Illinois, the crew of an overturned tug are believed to have drowned, while at Bellevue in the same State, a truck was found submerged in the Indian Creek, which was dragged for the driver.

According to weather forecasts, the storm is centering at Lake Huron and moving slowly eastward. It is predicted that snow will fall heavily in Pennsylvania and New York, and will blanket all the northern States from Illinois to the Atlantic.

Reports state that temperatures dropped 40 degrees in 24 hours, which has ended the threats of floods in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. It is predicted that a severe cold wave will envelope the whole of the Middle West.

The Arkansas rivers are receding while with the skies clearing, several families south of Little Rock are returning to their homes. However, 200 families in South Camden, Arkansas are still homeless on the banks of the Ouachita river.

Meanwhile in Texas and Oklahoma, dust storms have rooted up the winter wheat.—United Press.

the basis of future peace negotiations.

The terms described by Mr. Hirota as the "basic conditions for a solution of the incident" were:

1. China to abandon her pro-Communist and anti-Japanese and anti-Manchukuo policy, and to collaborate with Japan and Manchukuo in their anti-Communist policy.

2. The establishment of de-militarized zones in the necessary localities, and special regimes for the said localities.

3. The conclusion of an economic agreement between Japan, China and Manchukuo; and

4. China to pay Japan necessary indemnities.—Reuter.

Marvel Of Nature Thrills All Europe

London, Jan. 26. The most brilliant display of the aurora borealis in living memory was visible over the whole of Britain, and most of Europe, for several hours to-night. And innumerable thousands spent the evening watching the glow which spread out in a huge arc of diffused colours, with shafts of vivid blue, while lights pulsed across.

Many, imagining there was a terrific conflagration, summoned fire brigades, and in one case people thought that Windsor Castle was afire.

The Paris-London air line pilots circled several times to give passengers an opportunity of watching the spectacle.

Have was played with short-wave radios and tape machines and telegraphs developed unaccountable faults.

Many were fascinated by the phenomenon which was like variegated rockets, and thought that new anti-aircraft apparatus was being tried out, while reports from the Continent, notably Portugal, described how superstitious watchers were awe struck by the unwonted visitation.—Reuter.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1.05 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £01 n.
Chartered Bank, £12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £29 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$82 n.

Insurances
Canton Ins., \$270 n.
Union Ins., £12 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$235 n.

Shipping
Douglas, \$57½ b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$11 n.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-China (DeL.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, \$7½ n.
Union Waterworks, \$9.30 n.

Docks etc.
H.K. & Wharves, \$115 n.
H.K. & W. Docks, \$28½ b.
Providents (old), \$2.35 b.
Providents (new), 40 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh.

Shanghai Docks, Sh.

Kailan Mining Adm., 15/3 n.

Venz, Goldfield, \$5 n.

Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining
Antamok, P., 56 n.

Atoles, P., 24½ n.

Daguio Gold, P., 21½ n.

Benguet Consol., P., 8.80 n.

Benguet Explor., P.

Big Wedge, P.

Coco Grove, P., 54 n.

Consolidated Mines, P., 011 n.

Demonstrations, P., 40½ n.

E. Mindanao, P.

Gumous G'fields, P.

Ipe Gold, P.

LX.L., P., 62 n.

Hogons, P.

Masbate Consols., P.

Min. Resources, P.

Northern Min., P.

Paracale Gumaus, P., 20 n.

Salacot Mining, P.

San Maurice, P., 35 n.

Suyo Consol., P., 18 n.

United Paracales, P., 48 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

IL and S. Hotels, \$5.45 n.

H.K. Lands, \$31.75 n.

H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, \$100 n.

Shai Lands, Sh.

Motopolitan Lands, Sh.

Humphries, 88½ n.

H.K. Realities, \$4.35 b.

Chinese Estates, \$80 n.

China Realities, Sh.

China Deben, —

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, \$14.80 b. and m.

Peak Trams (old), \$0½ b.

Peak Trams (new), \$9½ n.

Star Ferries \$80 b.

Yaumati Ferries (old), \$24 b.

China Light (old), \$10.70 n.

China Light (new), \$7.40 n.

H.K. Electric, \$54 b.

Macao Electric, \$19½ n.

Sandakan Light, \$14½ n.

Telephone (old), \$25.80 b.

Telephone (new), \$8.00 b.

China Buses, Sh.

Singapore Tractions, 22/8 n.

Singapore Pref., 24/- n.

Industrials

Cald: Mack, (old), Sh.

Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh.

Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.

Cement, \$13 n.

H.K. Hopes, \$40 b.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, \$25 b. and m.

Watsons, \$5.40 b.

Lano Crawfords, \$7 n.

Sinceres, \$1.75 n.

Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.

Wm. Powells, 78 cts. n.

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons, Sh., \$11 n.

Shai Cotton (old), Sh., \$58 b.

Zoong Singa, Sh.

Wing On Textiles, Sh.

Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, \$8.10 b.

Constructions, \$1½ b.

Vibro Piling, \$6 n.

Ch. Govt. 6% 1915 G.N.Ds. 63½%

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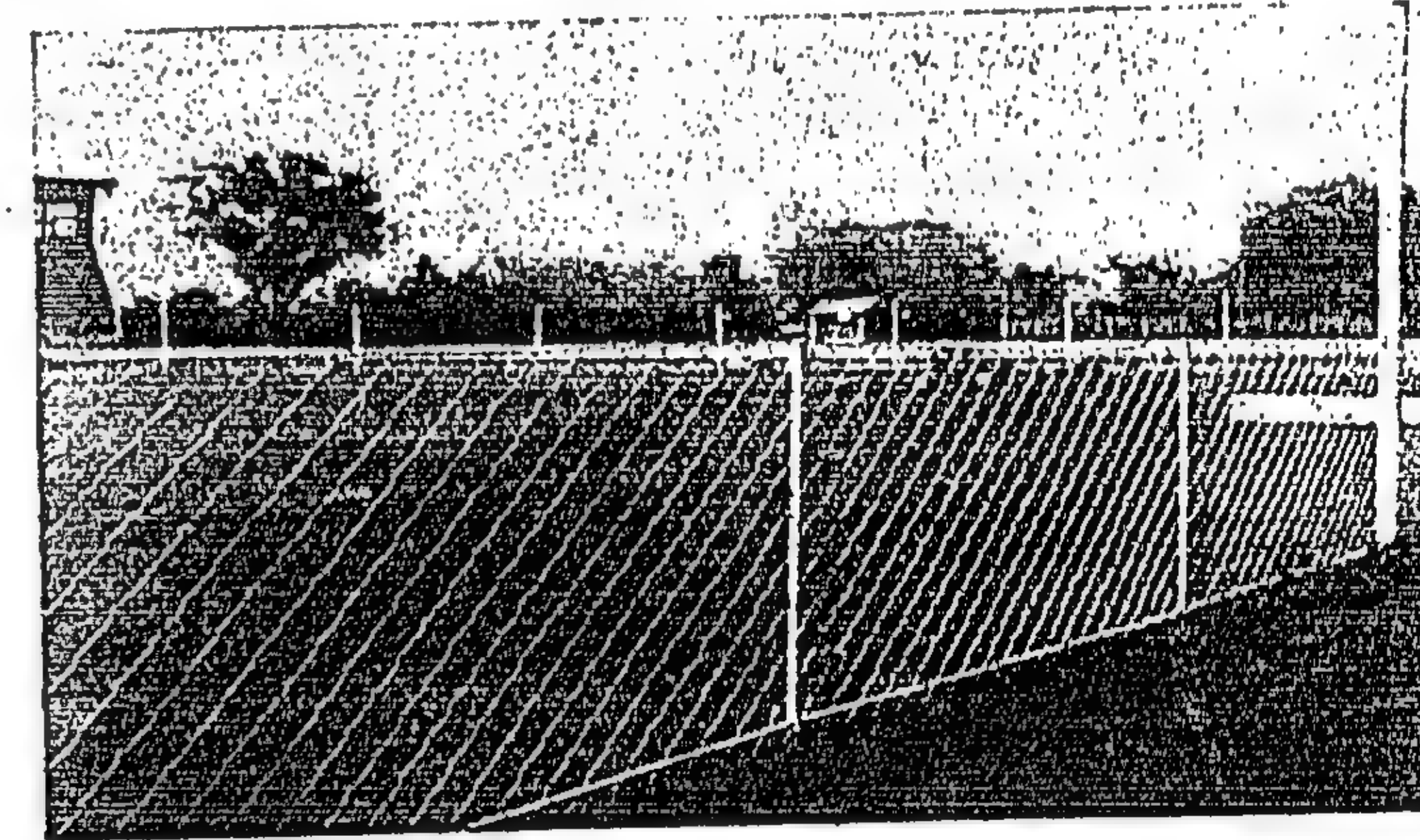
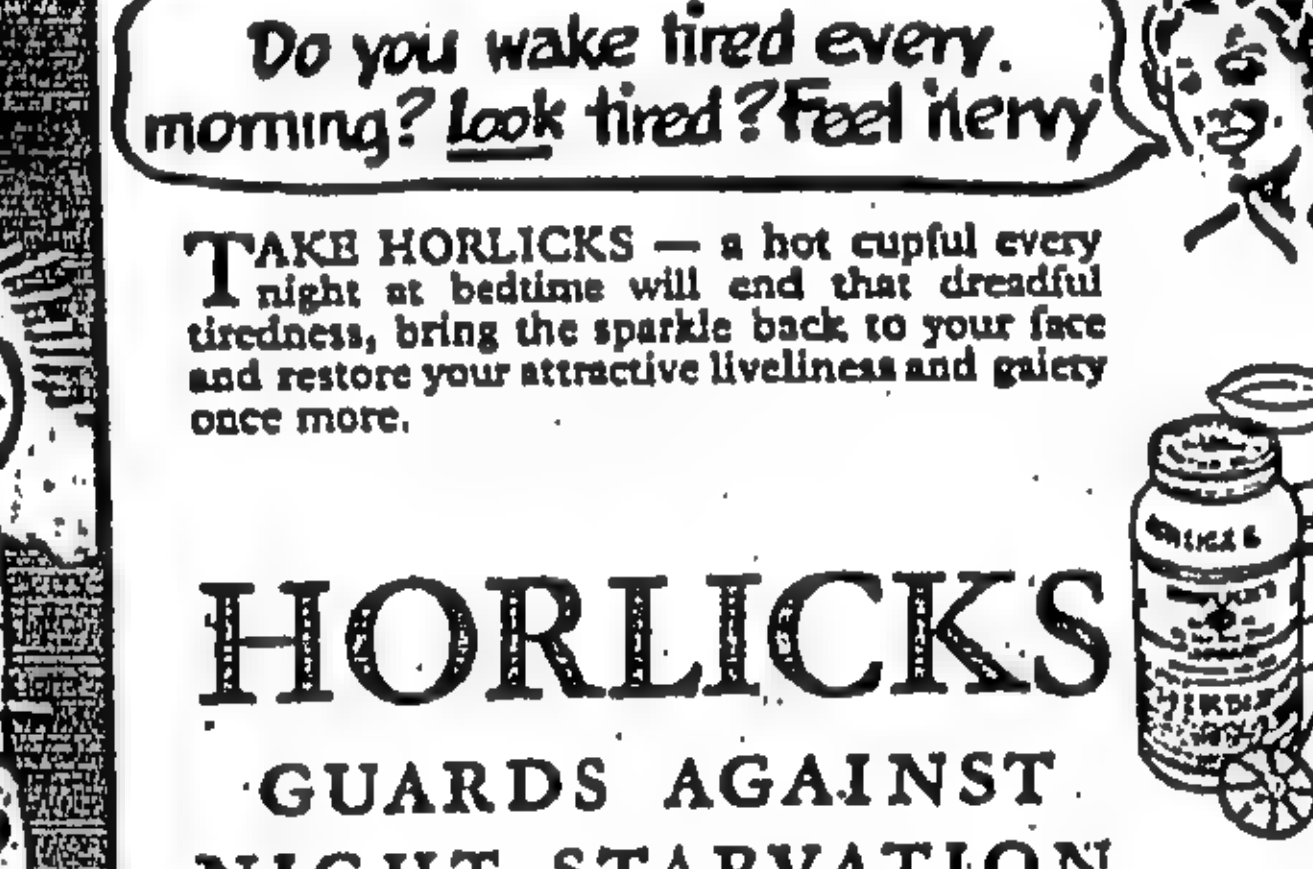
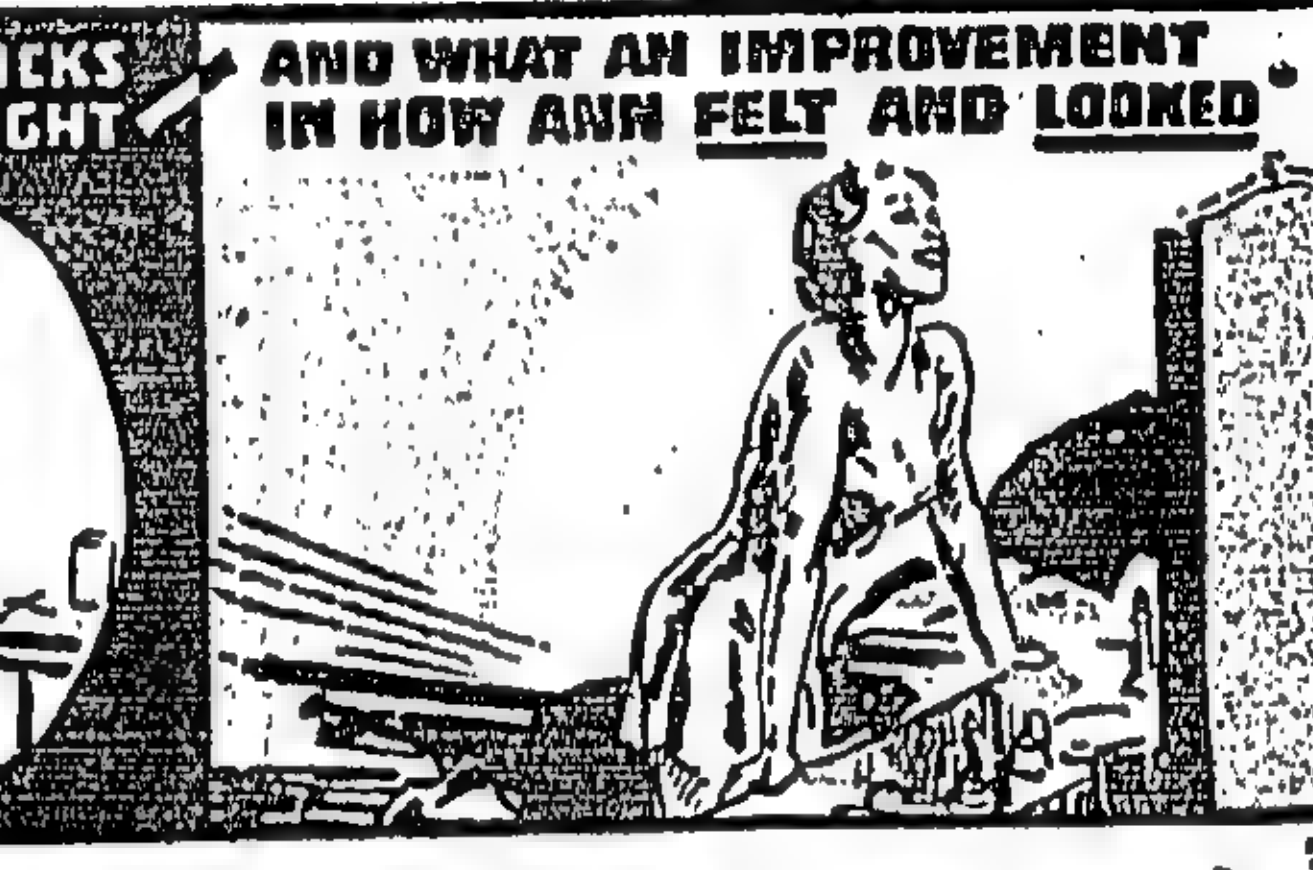
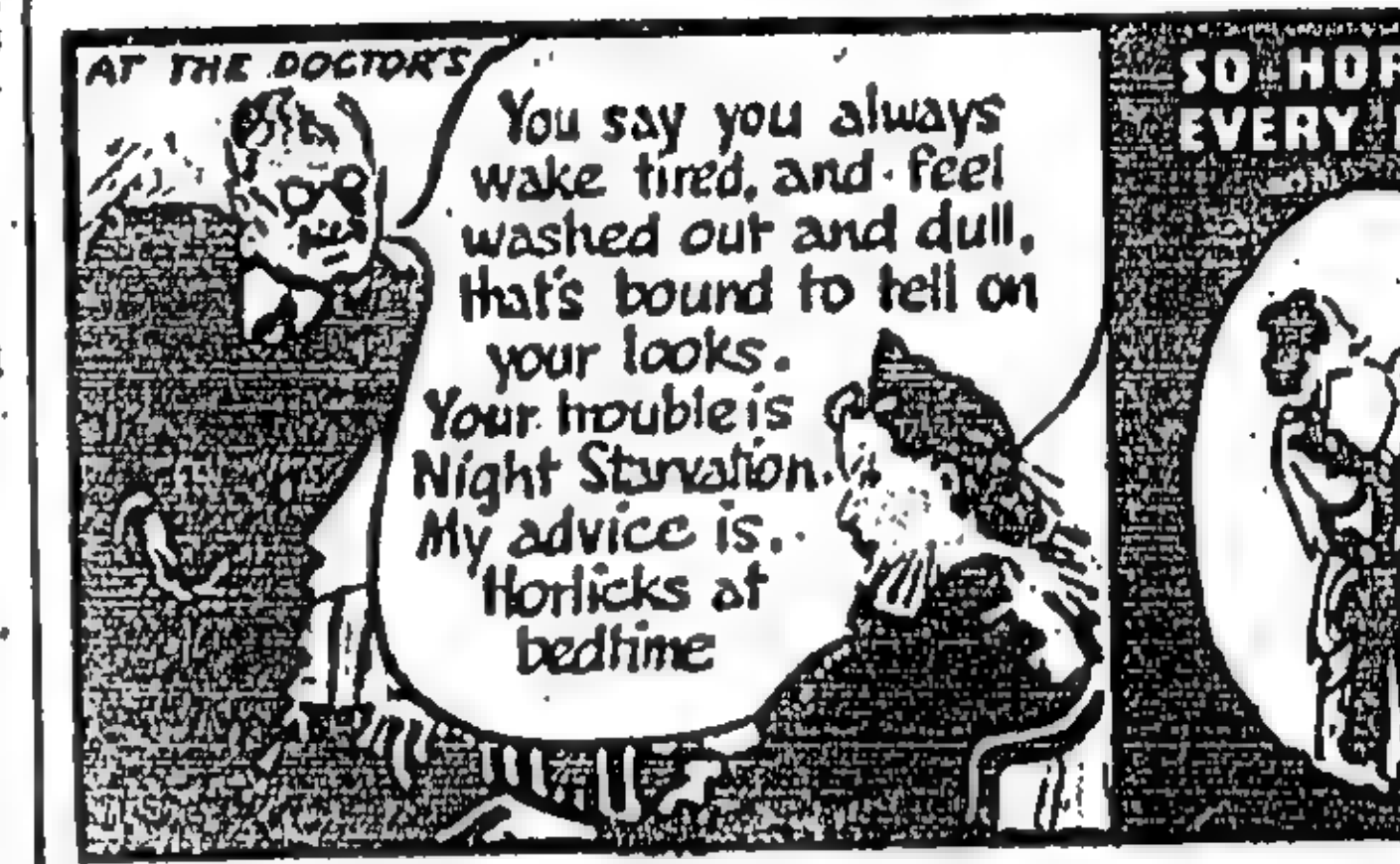
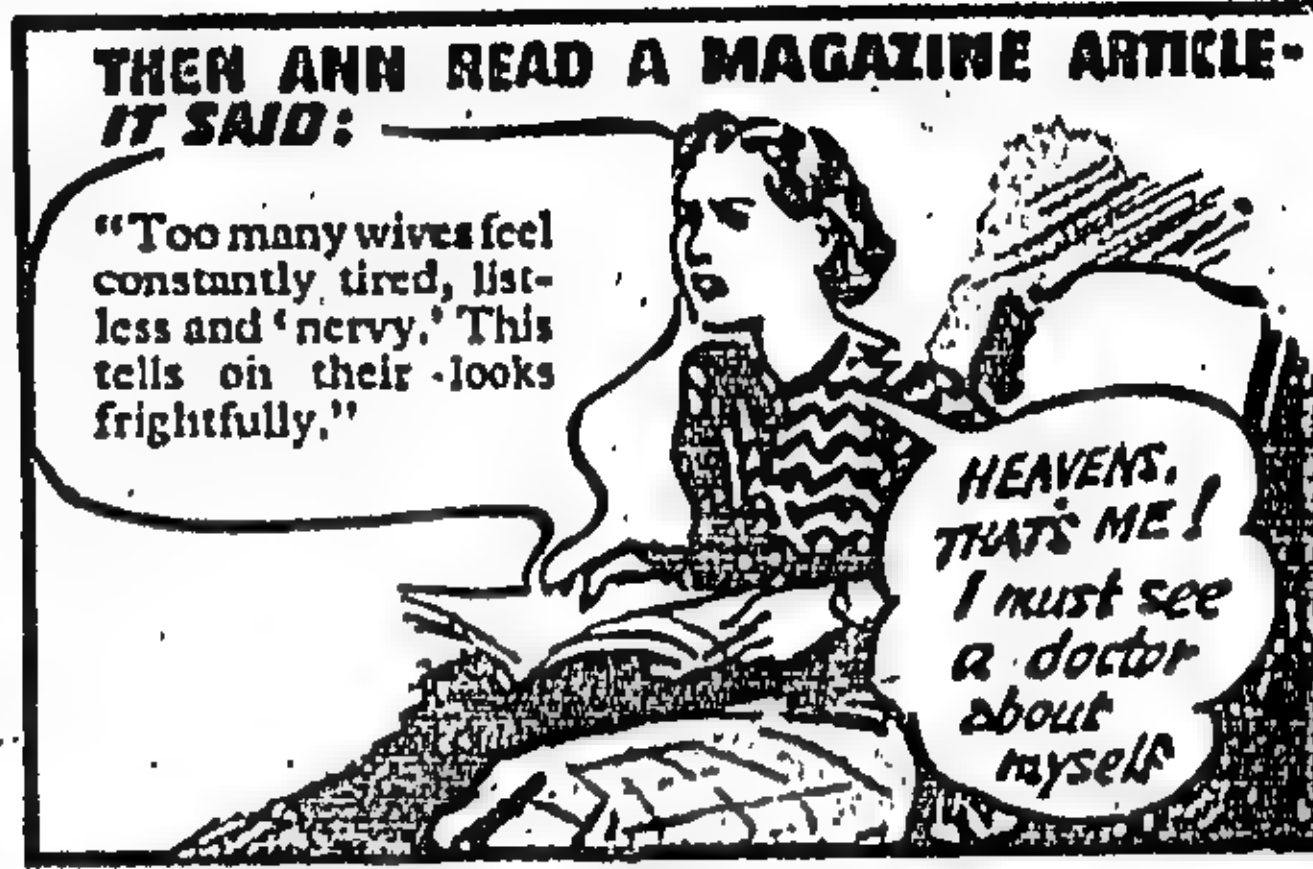
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Wallace Harpers, \$2½ b.

Maremma Ins. (Lon.), 1/8-18/- n.

Maremma Inv. (H.K.), 1/8-1/9 b.

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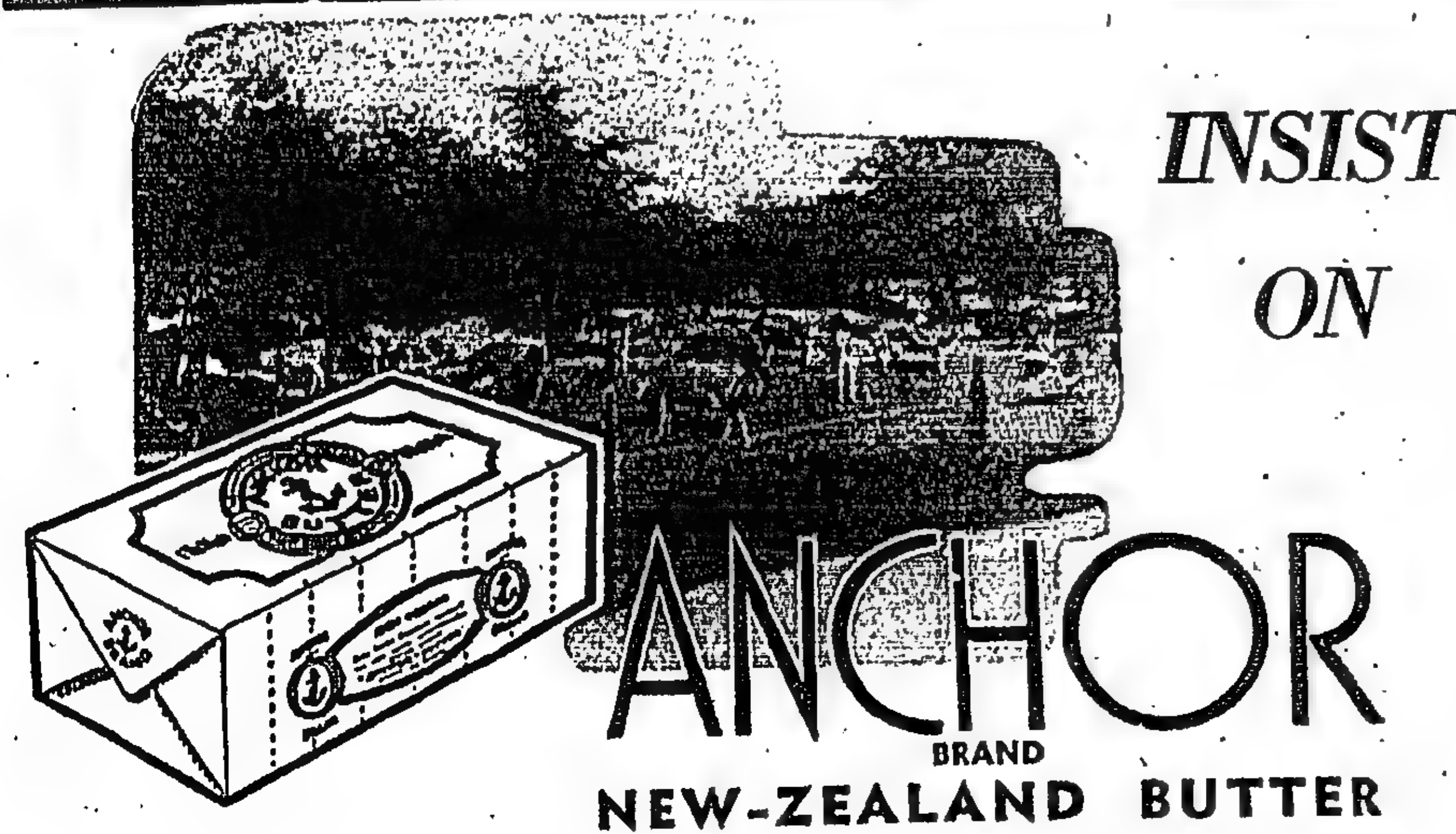
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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1938.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that W. S. Mong (Mong Wing Shun) is no longer authorised to sign in any capacity on behalf of the firm of Batten & Co. of China Building and that he is no longer employed on the staff of Batten & Co.

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IF GERMANY HAD WON

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self that to wriggle out of her financial obligations, and then, by careful steps, to tear up the rest of the Peace Treaty.

We have now reached the stage when her new leaders, who wear the same old Prussian jackboots, declare our mandatory responsibility for former German colonies to be just "theft." The more it changes, the more it remains the same old Germany.

To this condition of affairs, which envisages a still more powerfully armed Germany than the old one, constantly blackmailing peaceful Europe by threats of another war, we have arrived largely through our own stupidity.

We refused to back our old wartime ally, France, in keeping Germany to her signed and sealed obligations, and instead gave more rope to the German intrigues. We put our trust in a League of Nations from which Germany took the earliest opportunity to withdraw, and which America, its creator, deserted at its inception.

Now we have reached a stage when Germany, and her totalitarian ally, Italy, are practically asking us to bribe them back into the Geneva fold. It is the old weak policy of Dangeit brought up-to-date. The virile, warlike peoples must be bought off from devastating Europe by war again.

This absurdity, which is also a tragedy, is no fault of those who fought the Great War. The fighting men, dead and surviving have been let down by the diplomats and politicians.

HONGKONG TRADE SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS

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history of commerce between Hongkong and that country, while the British exports are the highest since 1933.

The total imports from the whole of the British Empire were \$59,643,000, compared with \$58,919,000 in 1936.

Australian exports to Hongkong increased from \$9,114,000 to \$13,351,000; Canadian from \$3,572,000 to \$6,110,000; Indian from \$5,755,000 to \$6,424,000; British Malaya from \$7,352,000 to \$9,125,000; New Zealand from \$221,000 to \$300,000; and British North Borneo from \$2,044,000 to \$2,445,000.

With the exception of Ceylon, West India, Cuba, Central America, Siam, Sweden and Spain, every nation exporting to Hongkong, showed substantial increases over the previous year. It is curious to note that, despite the civil war, Spanish exports to Hongkong, whilst lower than in 1936, have increased by over 100 per cent over 1933 and 1934.

Italy, which suffered severe loss of trade in 1936 through the economic boycott, has more than regained its market, exports to Hongkong increasing from \$1,086,000 in 1935 to \$2,560,000 last year.

GRATEFUL FOR GIFT

Reference was made in her address to the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday by Mrs. L. Dunbar, a gift of \$1,000 by Mr. Tang Shiu-kin to the International Women's Club for the purpose of keeping Lady Southern's name before them. This money, said the speaker, would probably be used to acquire a matchless for the use of members.

ART AND RELIGION RELATED

Most Rev. Fr. Gillet Speaks In Colony.

The Most Rev. Father Gillet, head of the Dominican Order, delivered an address on "Art and Religion" yesterday evening to a large audience at the University. Father Gillet, who is based in France as an orator, spoke for over an hour and held his hearers constantly both by his subject and his command of words.

The speaker's address, which was one of a series delivered in connection with the current exhibition of Tonkinese Arts and Crafts, may be summarised thus:

There is actually a movement among intelligent men towards catholicism and from the region of the ideal these elite contemplate the harmony which exists between art and religion. We will deal with art and religion in general to-day, and then religious art in particular.

Our psychological life is necessarily tied up with images and with symbols. Art is connected with the reality which surrounds us. It is the revelation of reality through sensual symbols and images. Obstacles to the understanding of reality are the necessities of life, the banalities and the conventions, the language itself which is inadequate for our expression. The artist brings to all the reality of a full life by a kind of creation.

God is the first and the true artist. He is the Creator. The human artist tries to bring us to God Who is revealed to the world by various symbols similar to those which lead the artist to create.

God, in reality, adapts this revelation to our sensible being through sensible symbols and the universe a forest of symbols.

DEGREES OF BEAUTY

There are the following degrees of the divine beauty: creation, invention, and the sacraments—symbols of an invisible reality.

Art appeals to religion, and religion appeals, in its turn, to art. Secondly religious art itself expresses our life and our communion with God through appropriate and sensible symbols, but it demands certain conditions, for instance, to believe in the faith and reality of the divine life within ourselves, and the possibility of participating in it; also, to be a true artist it is necessary the artist know his office.

It is not necessary on the pretext of simplicity in religious art to make a return to times when the artist does not understand his work, but to use all technical progress for the creation of a modern religious art in accord with tradition.

Father Gillet gave examples of this theory taken from music and painting.

Father Gillet saluted for Japan this morning on the Empress of Russia.

BEING BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL SATURDAY

The funeral of Mr. J. Henrickson Castro, of the A.P.C., Manila, who died January 24, will take place in Hongkong on Saturday at 5 p.m., at the Roman Catholic cemetery. The body has been embalmed and is being brought here by s.s. Kiangsu.

CHINESE MAY INVADE MANCHUKUO

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centrated in the Tashan mountains in south-eastern Shansi. These forces not only defend south-eastern Shansi, but make frequent thrusts to the east to cut Japanese communications on the Peking-Hankow railway. All Japanese attempts to wipe out these forces are stated to have failed.

WOMEN'S PART IN WAR

An official Chinese report describes the part Chinese women are playing in the service of the country in the fields, by nursing, propaganda and labour. While educated women have been entrusted with propaganda, nursing and other work, labour has been left in the hands of the peasant women, who are called "scythe Gangs", and armed only with scythes, harvest the crops for the army and cut grass for the pack animals. A traitor to the cause was Miss Mou Shu-chun, a Chinese girl educated in Japan, who has just been executed in Canton on charges of espionage.

FESTIVITIES DULLED

With the country at war, the Chinese New Year which falls on January 31, will lack much of its traditional festivity, especially in Shanghai, where the authorities, both in the International Settlement and French Concession, have issued an emergency proclamation prohibiting the discharge of fireworks of any kind, and threatening the violators of the order with arrest. The authorities are evidently anxious to keep the city rid of any noise suggestive of shooting, as this may lead to panic and possibly disorders.

Consequently, Chinese wishing to exercise their civil spirits will have to find a less exuberant method.

The piquant story of how the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Chefoo reimbursed itself for ransom paid to multitudes of police who kidnapped its chairman is revealed today. The Chamber issued 30,000 dollars worth of 10 and 20 cent notes and compelled shopkeepers to take 30 dollars worth each for which they had to pay in legal tender. —Reuter Special.

JAPAN'S GREAT TASK

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

Foreign military observers state that the Chinese are reinforcing on the Lunghai railway after 48 hours of stalemate on the North China fronts, where there has been scattered, but very heavy fighting, with the Japanese unable to gain ground.

It is pointed out that one of the most active Japanese columns at the Grand Canal, 60 miles north of the Yangtze, has made no progress for ten days, and the opinion is that the Japanese are facing the war's heaviest fighting. For this purpose they need heavy reinforcements.—United Press.

"GENERAL OFFENSIVE"

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

Chinese reports reaching here state that the Central Government has ordered its guerrillas to open a "general offensive" in Suiyuan. Apparently they will attempt to take advantage of the Japanese withdrawal in other sections as well as to discourage further transfers to the Lunghai zone. Newly organised guerrilla troops from Shensi will collaborate.

Meanwhile it is confirmed that there is fierce fighting for the strate-

BRITAIN TO TALK WITH SCILLY ISLES

London, Jan. 25.

News that at the week-end the first stage in what is hoped may be an extensive exchange of prisoners between the two sides in Spain was successfully accomplished, has been received with much satisfaction in London.

As a result of the negotiations in which British diplomatic representatives in Barcelona and at Hendaye have played an important part, together with officials of the International Red Cross the first batch of 41 Basque prisoners held by the insurgents under sentence of death, were sent across the French frontier, while simultaneously 41 held by the Government authorities were also transferred to French territory.

In accordance with the agreements which had been under negotiation it is expected this transfer, when completed will be followed by others, and that this initiative will not be the last of humanitarian efforts which British representatives have participated in during the long months of the Spanish civil war.—British Wireless.

gle heights outside Takwanshan, near Wuhu, which the Japanese artillery controls and is continually shelling causing the Chinese vanguard casualties.

SURROUNDING TSINING

Chinese, on the other hand, are surrounding Tsining and the advance troops are within six miles of the city and attempting to attack it from three sides simultaneously.

It is reported guerrillas in Chutu area have forced a Japanese retreat from Tolan and that the Chinese forces are within 20 miles of Tolan. They have driven the Japanese across the Wei River, following the recapture of Lungwangmiao, and claim that scores of the enemy were slain when attempting to cross this body of water under machine-gun fire.

There has been a great loss of life on both sides in fighting at Chuan-cheng, Anhwei, which the Chinese are at present surrounding.

CLAIMS PLANES DOWNED

A Japanese naval spokesman today announced anti-aircraft guns shot down one of five Chinese planes which appeared over at 9 a.m.

He said Japanese naval planes yesterday set fire to an aircraft factory at Tienho, near Canton, and damaged the torpedo factory at Whampoa. They continued to bomb Canton's railways.

Relief workers in Shanghai, according to Chinese reports, have picked up 10,000 bodies in the city's streets during the present month. Of these 7,500 were babies and young children, the majority of whom died of hunger, exposure and disease.—United Press.

LI CHUNG-JEN APPOINTED

Hankow, Jan. 26.

General Li Chung-jen, commanding in the Hanchow area, has been appointed chairman of the Anhwei Government.

Very fierce fighting is going on near Wuhu and Tsining.

Hohsien, Anhwei, is now officially in Chinese hands.—United Press.

H.K. TRAMWAYS PAYS DIVIDEND

The Directors of Hongkong Tramways Limited announce for recommendation at the annual general meeting of the Company, to be held on February 18, a final dividend of 80 cents per share.

This makes a total dividend of 80 cents per share for the year 1937 and after providing for depreciation, amounts written off, and other charges, and appropriating a sum of \$100,000 to General Reserve Account leaves, subject to audit, a balance of \$115,882.50 carried forward to next year.

KING MAY FLY TO CRANWELL

London, Jan. 25.

The King is visiting the Royal Air Force College at Cranwell in Lincolnshire to-morrow and if the weather is suitable he will make the journey from Sandringham by air in a special aeroplane placed at his disposal by the Air Council. The King will be piloted by Wing-Commander Fielden, Captain of the King's Flight.—British Wireless.

SYDNEY CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Sydney, Jan. 26.

The 150th Anniversary celebrations opened here to-day in glorious weather, with a pageant enacting the landing of the first Governor with a

Temperature Dropping

To-day Was Warmest Of Past Five Januaries

Forget that it is nearly the end of January and that the temperature yesterday and to-day was 15 degrees above the average for the first month in the year. To-morrow or the next day that cool change is coming, and temperatures, which now hover around the seventies, should drop appreciably.

Yesterday's maximum temperature of 73 degrees was the highest recorded since December 11, and was 11 degrees higher than the maximum temperature recorded on Monday.

Even higher temperatures were recorded to-day, the mercury at the Royal Observatory reaching 75 degrees at noon, warmest January weather since 1931.

Cooler weather set in this afternoon, however, and by 2 p.m. the temperature had dropped by over 11 degrees to 63.8 degrees, which is only 4.8 degrees above the maximum recorded last night.

The official forecast for the next 24 hours, issued by the Royal Observatory at 10 a.m., is as follows: "Fresh northerly and north-easterly winds; fine to cloudy; cooler."

band of convicts, followed by a great cavalcade depicting historical events, personages and industries.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL TIMES

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE
Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE
Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Glenbeg	January 26.
Swatow	Hupoh	January 26.
Japan	Alipore	January 27.
Hainan	Canton	January 27.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai, (Vancouver B.C., date 8th Jan.)	Empress of Asia	January 27.
Japan	Nellor	January 27.
Amoy	Shirala	January 27.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuensang	January 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Burdwan	January 28.
Straits	Sonie Rosso	January 28.
Japan and Formosa	Hakone Maru	January 28.
Shanghai	Kwangtung	January 28.
Straits and Hainan	Mulnam	January 28.
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Letters only) London date, 30th December, 1937.	Toucar	January 28.
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Papers only) London date, 30th December 1937.	Tekrasia	January 30.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Bangkok	Mul Hock	Wed., Jan. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Somali	Wed., Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow	Kongso	Thurs., Jan. 27, 8.15 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Thurs., Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Yinchow	Thurs., Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Kongmoon and Pakhoi (via Kong-moon)	Tai Lee	Thurs., Jan. 27, 11 a.m.
Swatow	Halching	Thurs., Jan. 27, 2 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai and Foochow via Amoy	Kaying	Thurs., Jan. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the C.N.A.C. Plane	C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
"C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service	Kowloon P.O.	Thurs., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Thurs., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai	Chengtu	Fri., Jan. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kwangtung	Fri., Jan. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Siam, Lanchow, and Chengtu etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit)	Eurasia Plane	Fri., Jan. 28, 9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. Pres. Jefferson	Parcells	Fri., Jan. 28, Noon.
America and Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 17th Feb.	Reg.	Fri., Jan. 28, 1.45 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Burdwan	Reg.	Fri., Jan. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 2nd March.	Reg.	Fri., Jan. 28, 4.15 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Garfield	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 6th Feb.	Hakone Maru	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, *Enal and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th February.	Reg.	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 19th February.	Reg.	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Shirala	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	Parcells	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Jan. 28, 5.30 p.m.

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SURPRISE ATTACK ON
RIVER PORT CAUSES
ABOUT 100 CASUALTIESRussian Ambassador's Delay
Causes Some Apprehension

Hankow, Jan. 26.

A reliable foreign source states that approximately 100 persons are killed and injured in the air raid on Ichang on January 24, the port being taken by surprise when the Japanese raiders appeared.

This being the first raid on Ichang, the populace did not pay much attention to the air raid alarm and went about its daily routine as usual, until the raiders appeared overhead.

H.M.S. Tern, under Lieut.-Comdr. G. G. Pugh-Cook is at present stationed at Ichang.—*Reuter*.

Ambassador Endangered

Hankow, Jan. 25.

Late to-night it was learned that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Luganets-Orelsky, who has been to Chungking to present his credentials to the Chinese Government, had arrived at this crowded river port by air. But for some time there had been fears for his safety.

Yesterday rumour had it that the Ambassador's party had fallen in with a force of Japanese raiding planes and had been attacked. It was actually stated that one of the Russians had been killed. This tale is now denied.

Originally, however, M. Luganets-Orelsky set out from Chungking yesterday, and the plane in which his party travelled actually was held up because of a bombing attack on Ichang. It turned back.

However, the party arrived in Hankow to-day after an uneventful trip.—*United Press*.

Refugees May Come South

Hankow, Jan. 26.

Efforts are being made to arrange for another refugee train to leave for the south in the first week in February.

The train will carry some 70 inhabitants, mostly missionaries of Kikunshan, a popular mountain

resort 125 miles up the Peking-Hankow railway from Hankow. The railway authorities are trying to allocate three coaches, which are all that are available at the present. An enquiry was received at Hankow yesterday evening from Ichang, asking for accommodation on this train for an unstated number of persons desiring to evacuate the river port.—*Reuter*.

LOOTERS CAUSE
JAPAN LARGE
LOSS IN NORTH

Tokyo, Jan. 26.

The cable service between Tsingtao and Sasebo was restored yesterday, according to Japanese despatches from Tsingtao.

The tracks and bridges of the Shantung railway, destroyed by the Chinese near Weihaiwei are being repaired by Japanese Engineer Corps and are expected to be completed early in February.

Despatches state that the damage suffered by Japanese residents from Chinese looting is estimated at 500,000,000 yen including the des-

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CANTABS TO BUILD
NEW CRAFT FOR
BOAT RACE

London, Jan. 26.

Cambridge is building a new boat for the Boat Race in April, but Oxford appears to be satisfied with the boat with which it won the race last year, and will not build another craft.—*Reuter*.

struction of nine cotton mills in Tsingtao, and the Shantung railway on which a Japanese loan of 40,000,000 yen had been secured.—*Reuter*.

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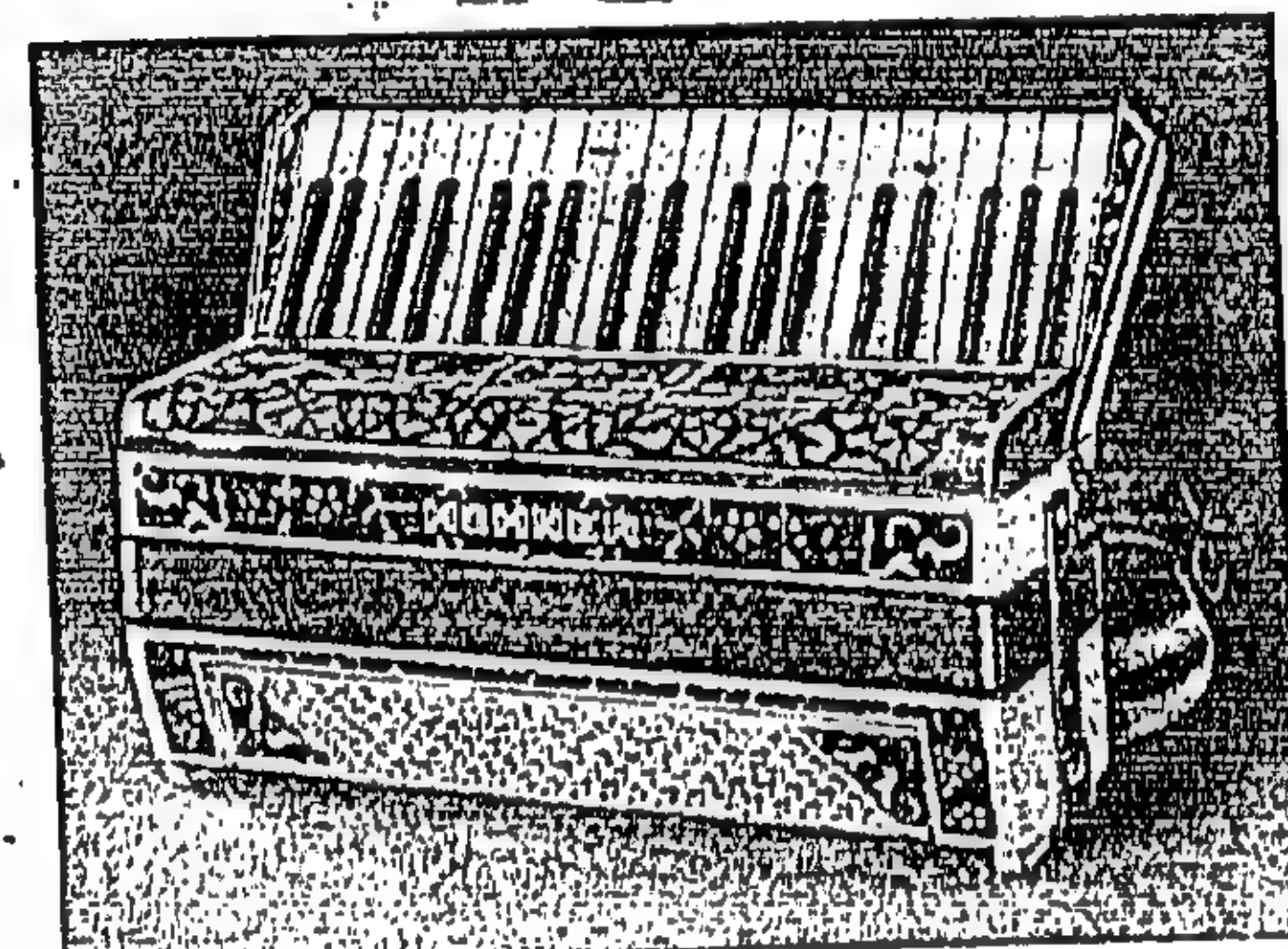


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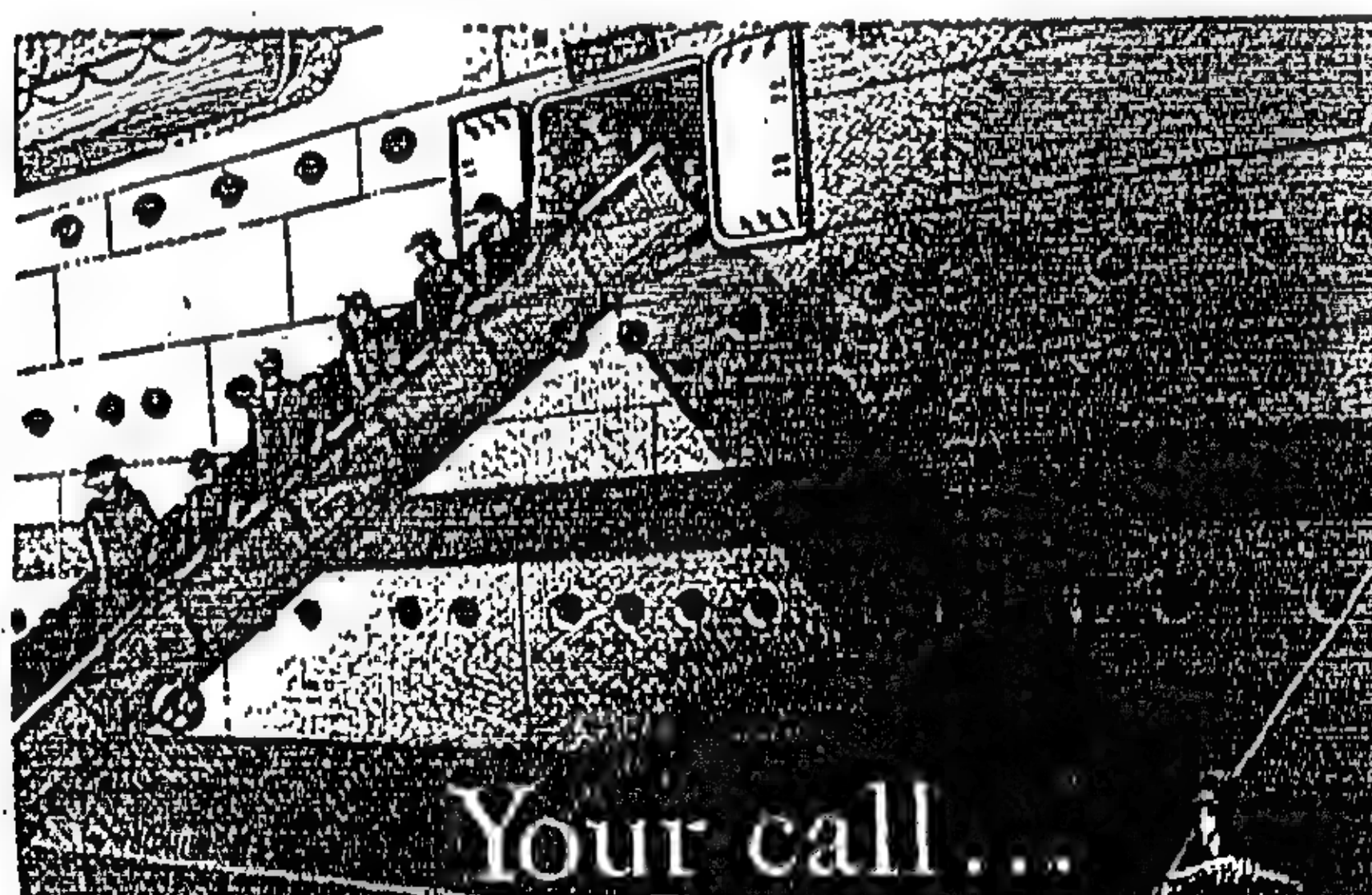
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The
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1938.

**BRITAIN BUILDS
FOR SECURITY**

Yesterday's readers of the Hongkong Telegraph read that seven of the most advanced powers of the world—advanced, that is, in commerce, in culture and in science—were plunging headlong into a naval armaments race. The accusation is not far-fetched. And there is scant satisfaction to be derived from the fact that Great Britain was probably the last of the great nations to speed her rearmament. Rather it has become a matter for criticism by the masses, this attempt at pacifying the peoples of our times by scrapping war vessels and delaying their replacement. That policy, commendable as it may have been in theory, was destined to die a quick death in the heat engendered by friction in the machinery which was supposed to safeguard peace. Far better, perhaps, had the allied nations which were in a position to make the rules, set themselves up to govern the world by force. Better still had they sunk their fleets, blown up their guns, burned their planes and degenerated into non-competitive inactivity of mind and body than to have arrived at this state on non-co-operative progress, and one in which they think in terms of bombing ranges, anti-gas defence and 60,000-ton warships. But the world had not the courage to be wise—or the wisdom to be courageous. And so it has progressed.

Nor is there any sense in the public's condemnation of this situation. It is the mass mind which is to blame, more than the statesmen and the cabinets. After all, in democratic countries at least, the people have a voice. And it will be remembered that voice was raised in 1914 while Sir Edward Grey (later Lord Grey of Fallodon) was pleading with the Government of Europe to use their reason and keep the peace. Outside the gates of Buckingham Palace, we are told, a vast crowd chanted: "We want war!" And His Majesty King George, troubled, appalled by the great, hoarse shout, put a hand to his head and retreated from the balcony where he had gone to greet his people. It was Britain's leaders, not the people, who fought for peace at that time. And so it was in some, at least, of the other European capitals.

It is our belief that His Majesty's Government will not misuse this power which the people put into its hands. It is our faith that the weapons which we forge will be for the protection not only of the Empire but of the little countries of the world whose only rampart against invasion is the League of Nations, in which Britain is a pillar. It is, it must be, our responsibility to see that the co-operation which has built this Empire will not be lost through dissension.

Again and again it has been said, and by a million million

Would you rather die before your wife?

by
JAMES DOUGLAS

THEY say that all the love tales have been told, that love, like history, repeats itself, and that the tellers of love tales, like the historians, repeat each other.

This is a lie. Perhaps it is the oldest lie in the world. There is no end to the permutations and combinations of love, and every love story is different from all its ancestors and predecessors.

It is not true to say that the more it is different the more it is the same. The contrary is true. The more it is the same the more it is different.

FOR example, there is a sharp newness in the love story of the man of sixty-three who shot himself three weeks after the death of his invalid wife, who was a few years older than her husband.

"Now that she has gone," he said before he died, "life holds nothing for me."

Yet his life held for him what many people, if not most people, regard as everything, or nearly everything, that makes life worth living. He had a beautiful home and wealth beyond the dreams of the majority of the human race.

He was a poor man and his wife was a rich woman. Out of her wealth she had made their beautiful home.

They had been happy in it for sixteen years. During her last years he had been her constant and devoted nurse.

She bequeathed her wealth to him, the great sum of £119,618, but it was naught in his eyes. Without her in his life her money to him was a mockery. It could buy him nothing he desired.

LET those who imagine that wealth is a passport to paradise ponder over this exposure and refutation of their delusion or illusion.

Here was a man with an assured income of five thousand a year for the remainder of his life. He might have lived in luxury for another ten or fifteen or twenty years, persuading time to heal his sorrow.

He might have tried all the anodynes of riches—travel in

minds admitted, that that nation is safest which puts its faith in its leaders. No blind faith, mark you, but a trust born of calculated judgment, based on the accomplishments of the elected chiefs. The trained mind is sanest in a crisis. The mob mind makes mistakes, terrible blunders, shouting: "We want war."

The world is faced with an arms race, and knows it is wrong. But even this knowledge is not strong enough to stop the hammers in the shipyards. Parliament, all parties, has decided that rearmament is necessary. The people must accept the decision and pay the bill, even though they suspect that the next step will bring disaster. That is the risk we run. But we dare not be alone in defencelessness; dare not be pacifists. Our responsibility is too great. The solution is in strength.

It is our belief that His Majesty's Government will not misuse this power which the people put into its hands. It is our faith that the weapons which we forge will be for the protection not only of the Empire but of the little countries of the world whose only rampart against invasion is the League of Nations, in which Britain is a pillar. It is, it must be, our responsibility to see that the co-operation which has built this Empire will not be lost through dissension.

search of the joys that nature can bestow in her sunniest climes and her fairest scenes; the wonders of art in its multifarious variety, the delights of love or friendship, the consolations of service to humanity, the companionship of the masters of literature and music; all the pleasures of the table, good food and good wine, all the artificial distractions of sport and amusement.

But life without love had lost all its savour. The things that money can procure meant less than nothing to this man with a broken heart.

He looked at them all, and turned away disconsolate.

THIS love story suggests one of the most insoluble problems of human life, a problem which vexes the sessions of silent thought in the mind of every loving husband and every loving wife.

It may be stated crudely, baldly, and nakedly in the question: Would you prefer to die before your wife? Would you prefer to die before your husband?

Husbands and wives are afraid to ask each other this question, although it is hard to evade it as life draws near its close.

They seldom debate it together, and when their fear thrusts it upon them they shrink from the pain of choice where there is no choice.

IN her secret heart a wife discovers the secret desire to die before her husband.

She would spare herself the anguish of being the last to go. She dreads the harvest of grieving loneliness.

In her guarded thoughts she plans her departure and prepares for it, although her heart holds

It is the heart of the unemployment nightmare which haunts the great middle class as well as the working class.

These husbands who have nothing to leave to their wives have no difficulty in solving the problem. They do not wish to die before their wives, whose sole means of support are their precarious salaries or wages.

BUT in the case of husbands who are able to leave their wives a competence the problem is almost insuperable.

The selfish husband sometimes insures himself against the injury of his jealous pride by penalising his widow if she remarries after his death.

It seems to me to be the acme of mean stinginess for a husband to attach to his will a provision that his widow will lose his money if she falls in love a second time. I am in favour of legislation making such wills illegal.

In the case of the wife the problem is complicated, by the thought that her husband, after their lifelong love, may find happiness in a second marriage to a younger woman. As Browning's wife puts it—

Is the remainder of the way so long
Thou need'st the little solace,
thou the strong?

Watch out thy watch, let weak ones doze and dream!

BUT she overcomes her jealousy of the other women:—

Re-coin thyself and give it
them to spend—

It all comes to the same thing
at the end,

Since mine thou wast, mine
art, and mine shall be,

Faithful or faithless, sealing
up the sum

Or lavish of my treasure, thou
must come

Back to the heart's place here
I keep for thee!

But many a widower and many a widow are faithful and not faithless. Their love holds them fast until "the little minute's sleep is past."

After all, it is a merciful blessing that no husband and no wife can foretell and foresee which of the twain will die first.

IF GERMANY HAD WON

**Forgotten Aspects of
the Great War**
By "AN OLD STAGER"

IT is distinctly exasperating, to those who endured the privations and miseries of the Great War, to have a slightly pert post-war generation asking whether it was worth while. The answer is quite simple. Thanks to the steadfast and devoted self-sacrifice of some millions of good fellows, amateur soldiers most of them, who hated the job, the roots of democratic freedom have not yet been completely destroyed in Europe. One usually finds that those who are most insistent in asking whether the 1914 adventure was worth while, or most emphatic in declaring it to have been a colossal piece of lunacy, are those who most dislike dictatorship and totalitarian government.

Hegemony of Europe

Does anyone believe that, having over-run France and conquered Russia, Germany would have been content to stop short at a partial hegemony of Europe?

The United Kingdom would have been reduced to the condition of a small vassal State, and made a dumping ground for German merchandise. The British Empire, moreover, would have been broken up, and the Anglo-Saxon tradition would have become a relic of history. In these circumstances what would have become of all our elaborate and costly social services?

Because the pretty notion that this island could exist as another Switzerland, keeping remote from all Continental quarrels, is just village idiosyncrasy. With a dismembered Empire our home population, which is more densely distributed than any other in the world, would simply have to tighten its belt and starve.

Two premises therefore emerge. First, we could not have kept out of the Great War, with any intelligent regard for our own immediate material and intellectual future. Secondly, if we had not won the struggle, we should have been reduced to the level of tax-paying helots.

Change of Directorate

But there is a further question. How comes it that the "war to end war" has so signally failed of its avowed objective? That is another story.

There is a theory, widely put about by those who hold it, that the Peace Treaty was an iniquitous blunder. I am not going to contend that the statesmen who framed it at Versailles were in all respects well inspired. But how much substance is there in the argument that, had France treated the early German Socialist Republic more sympathetically, we should have had no Hitler, and no Nazi symptoms in Germany?

The German War Lords had themselves let loose in Eastern Europe the virus of Red Communism. Is it not quite certain that, in any event, Bolshevism would have invaded Germany, however kindly France had behaved towards her late despoilers, and that the Teutonic revulsion from that menace would have taken some such form as the present regime in Germany?

In fact the German Revolution was merely a change of German directorate. The spirit of the German people remained just the same as it was in 1914 and the years preceding that ominous date.

That is proved conclusively by the enthusiasm with which Hitler's regime has been hailed by the overwhelming majority of all classes in Germany to-day. Hitler did not create that frame of mind. He merely helped it to express itself.

It is the old firm with a different board of directors in charge, but imbued with just the same policy and ambitions as the old rulers of Germany.

Systematic Evasion

From the very first there was no sincerity in Germany's observance of the peace terms. She had to surrender her fleet, but her disarmament gesture was a pretence. She set her-

(Continued on Page 4)

Personalities of Old Hongkong

PENURY FORCED HIM TO MIGRATE:
H. K. GAINED WHEN HE MADE GOODFUNG P'ING-SHAN WAS
GENEROUS DONOR TO
EDUCATION IN H. K.

By T. Paul Gregory

AS IN OTHER PLACES WHERE THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF T'ANG HAVE ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES, THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE PERCENTAGE OF THE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN HONGKONG WHO HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH EDUCATION.

The Chinese have realised, more than any other nationality, that *hok-man-chi-to* ("the way of learning") is the principal one which leads to the development of good citizenship.

One of the most noteworthy sons of our Colony who has played a conspicuous part in this field was Mr. Fung P'ing-shan.

Mr. Fung P'ing-shan was born in the year 1860 in a little village of Tan-lung-lei near Sunwui city, Sunwui District, Kwangtung Province, and died in Hongkong at his residence, in Park Road, on August 2, 1931.

Like many of those indomitable Chinese who hail from the Sze-yap, he did not have the same opportunities for acquiring a well-rounded education as his contemporaries Sir Kai Ho Kai and Dr. Wu Ting-fang. Indeed, the penury of his native village early forced him to emigrate, so that at the age of 15 he went to Siam, where he joined his paternal uncle, a merchant in Bangkok.

Here he remained until he was 20, when his relative sent him back to the homeland in order to marry. The marriage, of course, was conducted after the manner of those times, his bride being chosen for him by his father. She came of a respectable family, although not blessed with an abundance of this world's goods.

There is an incident which reveals the character of the man. It is said that whilst with his uncle in Bangkok a certain wealthy merchant and leader of the Chinese community in the Siam capital took an especial interest in the promising youth, so much so that he offered the hand of his own daughter as a concubine, with the additional stipulation that her dowry would be a generous one.

Mr. Fung, however, declined the well meant offer, quoting as a reason for his refusal the common saying: "Chuk-moon tui chuk-moon, muk-moon tui muk-moon." ("A bamboo door should face a bamboo door, and a wooden door should face a wooden door").

VISIT TO SZECHUAN

In 1882 the death of his father occurred and Mr. Fung, like a dutiful son, returned to his native hamlet to officiate in the funeral rites.

After the expiration of the prescribed period of forty-nine days of religious ceremonial, Mr. Fung undertook a business venture into the heart of little known Szechuan Province. In this mountainous section of the Chinese Republic a wealth of Chinese herbs and medicinal substances are to be found; consequently, Mr. Fung, who had incidentally learned the herbalsists' art in Siam, became forthwith a buyer and exporter of Chinese medicines.

His business acumen was such that after ten years of conscientious effort he was able to amass a comfortable fortune and returned to Canton.

In the latter city he soon became one of the most prominent merchants of the metropolis and, as a leader in the Medicine Dealers' Guild, was chosen to act as director of a number of Canton charities including one of which was the well-known Fong Pin Hospital.

In 1904 there was a very severe famine in Kwangtung Province and Mr. Fung was chosen to head a committee sent to Hongkong to purchase rice and other foodstuffs for the alleviation of suffering in the Province. Although large quantities of rice were bought, the funds in hand were insufficient. Ready money was not available at the moment, but so esteemed was Mr. Fung's integrity that the Rice Merchants' Guild offered him credit without question. He was able to arrange for the immediate despatch of the rice to Canton, and many lives were saved.

CAME TO HONGKONG

Early in the first decade of the present century Mr. Fung removed to our Colony, which he thereafter made his residence until the time of his death. Here, on account of his benevolence, he became one of the most prominent members of the Chinese community.

The Tung Wah Hospital became his special concern and he served on several occasions as its adviser, director and chairman.

Like his compatriot, Sir Boshan Wei-yuk, he devoted himself to the welfare of the Chinese masses, and was especially prominent in the work of the To Leung Association. He was an Unofficial Justice of the Peace, and, associated with his contemporary, Sir Boshan Wei-yuk, in the laudable cause of upholding law and order, was also a member of the District Watch Committee.

Being a business man, commerce was of course his forte, so we find Mr. Fung one of the founders and permanent directors of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd. He was also Managing Director of the Yu Hing Co., Ltd., and for many years served on the directorate of Chinese Estates, Ltd., and many public and private companies in the Colony. Ad-

ditionally, he was a life member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and was proprietor of the Yick On Bank and Sui Fung Hong—two of Hongkong's flourishing Chinese financial enterprises. His commercial interests, too, had many ramifications, extending as far as Siam, Annam and India.

Mr. Fung's record of public service was, as the Hon. Mr. North once said, "one of which any man might have been proud." Education, however, was his pet hobby, and he devoted much of his time in his latter years to the promotion of cultural learning in Hongkong. Perhaps the reason for his solicitude was the fact that he himself was a self-made man. Denied, by the exigencies of fate, the opportunity to acquire anything beyond the most elementary education, he felt the most fitting purpose to which his wealth might be devoted would be the erection of a public library for the use of aspiring Chinese students of the Colony. Therefore he donated sufficient funds to build the Fung P'ing-shan Chinese Library, which stands on the University campus as a memorial to his philanthropy and altruism. Mr. Fung was also founder of the University School of Chinese Studies, and took a prominent part in the establishment of the Aberdeen Industrial School, together with Sir Robert Ho Tung, donating \$200,000 for this purpose.

AID FOR KWANGTUNG

His native district of Sunwui also benefited greatly from his benevolence, and throughout that section of Kwangtung may be found free schools established through his generosity. Amongst the many mentioned, the Fung P'ing-shan Higher Primary School, which has been recognised by the Department of Education as the model of its kind in the province of Kwangtung. The district of his birth also has a magnificent collection of Chinese books housed in a building dedicated to the memory of his father, and called the King-tong Memorial Chinese Library. This monument of the cultural heritage of China's sages and learned scholars is acclaimed the only private library in the whole of the Sze-yap.

Sun Yat-sen University at Canton also benefited from his munificence, as he was the donor of the building of the Higher Primary School connected with this institution of learning.

The most fitting summary of the life of Mr. Fung may be taken from some of his own aphorisms, one of which was as follows: "When you are thinking of your parents' fortune, you must suppose your parents to have more children than they really have; but when you are asked to contribute to the family you must regard yourself as being the only child." Another was: "In dealing with the world in general, the first thing to bear always in mind is not to deceive others, the second is not to allow others to deceive oneself."

Two Extremes
Argue Cases
As Diet Sits

Tokyo, Jan. 26. Effective steps to control capital was demanded in the Diet by representatives of the ultra-Rightist Tohoku Party during last night's debate.

An interpolator who took up the cudgels in defence of Japan's unprivileged classes was Mr. Tono Miura, virtually unknown outside the Lower Chamber. He suggested the alleged severity displayed by the Government in putting down labour and tenants' disputes should have been shown in its treatment of the rich. He further urged the Government to relax restrictions on speech and organisation, declaring that no country ever developed without some dissenting voices from within.

Replying, the Home Minister, Admiral Suetsugu, said the Government had no intention of putting down labour or tenant disputes unless they violated the law. He emphasised he would not hesitate to suppress those elements which broke the law, whatever their economic power or social standing. —Reuter.



MR. FUNG P'ING-SHAN

FOOD COSTS
H. K. MORE
THAN EVER

Some Prices Up
By Nearly
100 Per Cent.

Investigations by the *Telegraph* disclose that the wholesale and retail prices of foodstuffs in Hongkong increased in the last three months of 1937 by over 60 per cent. compared with prices for the same period in 1936.

Index figures issued by the Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department show that the current prices for foodstuffs are the highest recorded in the Colony.

An article that cost 85 cents in 1935 cost \$1.51 in October last year, \$1.45 in November and \$1.45 in December. These figures for wholesale prices are indisputable. They are officially recorded by the Government statistics.

Equally indisputable are the retail figures compiled by the *Telegraph*. They are taken from the cash invoices of one of the largest food-compradore establishments in Kowloon, and have been painstakingly checked.

They disclose that, in some cases, the prices of foodstuffs in the last three months of last year were almost 100 per cent. higher than the prices ruling in the same period of 1935. Fifty and sixty per cent. increases in retail prices of foodstuffs are by no means uncommon when dockets for the last three months of 1936 are compared with those for the same period in 1937.

CASH RETAIL PRICES

IN KOWLOON

	1936	1937
Jan. Dec.		
Flour, per lb.	7	11
Sugar, per lb.	7	8
Sugar Cubes	10	11
Roller Oats	10	16
Macaroni	18	28
Prunes	15	32
Jam (average price)	23	31
Currants	30	32
Sultanas	32	35
Raisins	28	28
Eggs (per dozen)	70	\$1.20
Self-raising flour	33	45

Here are some of the items chosen at random during the *Telegraph* investigations:

ROOSEVELT
STUDIES
DEFENCES

Conference With
Congress Chiefs

Washington, Jan. 25. President Franklin Roosevelt this afternoon conferred with members of the House of Representatives' naval and military appropriations committees, which has given rise to reports that the President is considering broadening the naval building programme as well as expansion of the army.

Mr. Andrew J. May, a member of the Military Committee, earlier stated that the "whole defence lay-out" would be under discussion.

Mr. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the Naval Committee, said he expected that the President's message to Congress would embrace the entire national defence system.

After the conference, the leaders stated that President Roosevelt was sending a special message to Congress in a few days, dealing in broad phrases with national defence.

Mr. May declared that the conference considered all sections of defence, including aircraft. —Reuter.

S.S. Federal's
Crew Joins
Another Ship

San Francisco, Jan. 25. The Hongkong Chinese crew of the steamer *Federal*, which allegedly went on strike, is going to New York to join another ship. A new non-Chinese crew is manning the *Federal*.

A member of the original crew told *Reuter*: "We left Hongkong thinking we were to carry medical supplies from America to Shanghai. We would be shot as Chinese in Japan, and if we escaped we would be shot as traitors in China. That is why we refuse to sail in the *Federal*." —Reuter.

WORLD'S SMALLEST
PAPER MONEY

Peiping, Jan. 26. Probably the world's lowest denomination paper currency has been issued here, valued at four copers, which is under a third of the American cent. —United Press.

CHINESE PRESS CONTINUES
DEFIANCE OF JAPANESE

Hankow, Jan. 25. Representative of official Chinese opinion, the very influential newspaper, the *Takung Pao*, interprets the latest Japanese declaration to mean the end of third-party mediation, and an indication that Japan intends to cut off China's supply routes.

The paper describes the Peiping regime as "Japan's illegitimate child," and says that Japan's threat that she may still declare war on China in order to stop foreign arms shipments, and also to avoid the possibility of third-party mediation, is merely meant to frighten the Japanese Government and the people. —United Press.

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A Weekly Entertainment Feature presented by William MacLure. 7.45 London Relay—A Theme and a Song.

Songs about Boots and Shoes—The Boy, The Girl, and the Trio with Joe Marais and His Band. 8.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 Studio. Harry Talbot (Bartitone) and A. T. Lay (Piano).

1. Early Morning: The Little Waves of Baffin (Graham Peck). H. Talbot. 2. The Holy Boy (Irish). A. T. Lay. 3. Fill a Glass With Golden Wine: Love's Philosophy (Guilbert)... H. Talbot. 4. Composition by Balfour Gardiner... A. T. Lay. 5. "Hills" (La Forge)... H. Talbot.

8.25 New Mayfair Orchestra and Frances Langford.

"Happy Memories"—Selection... Orchestra: It's Like Reaching for the Moon; Long Ago and Far Away... Frances Langford; Globe Trotting with the Tiger... New Mayfair Orchestra; "Going Greek"—Selection... New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.50 Talks on Australia's 150th Anniversary Celebration by The Rt. Hon. William Morris Hughes and the Rt. Hon. B. S. Stevens. 9.00 London Relay—Stars of Australia.

Australian artists who have become famous in the theatre introduced by Dudley Glass. The Artists include Florence Austral, Peter Dawson, Madge Elliot and Cyril Pritson, Madge Elliot and Cyril Pritson.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 p.m. Beethoven—Kreutzer Sonata in A Major.

Played by Albert Sammons and William Murdoch. 10.23 Conchita Supervia (Soprano).

La Zingarella (Paisiello); Pastora (Mirando); Un Barberillo Allegro (Prado); Sentir Gitano (Arenillas).

10.30 Organ and Choral Music. Te Deum (Schumann); Andantino in D Flat (Lemare)... Edwin H. Lemare (Organ); Mystic Woods (Based on "Raymond" Overture)... The B. B. C. Wireless Chorus with Orchestra; The Question; The Answer (Wolstenholme)... Reginald Goss-Custard; Fantasia The Storm (Lemare)... Harry Goss-Custard.

11 p.m. Close Down.

Britons Plan
Adventurous
Trip South

Former H.K. Officer
One Of Pair On
Drive To Colony

Hankow, Jan. 26. An interesting trip is being started to-day by two Britons who are leaving Wuchang at dawn for Canton. They are Captain C. R. Boxer, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, who arrived here by air from Hongkong ten days ago, and Mr. Charlton, a Russian and adopted son of Mr. Charlton, formerly of the A.P.C., Shanghai.

Mr. Charlton arrived in Hankow on Monday night from Kluksing from where he drove his car. He spent yesterday overhauling it.

The two are setting out this morning and hope to make Changsha in about 10 hours. It is understood that the road between Wuchang and Changsha is not good, but beyond Changsha improves. The road runs parallel to the railway most of the way. The pair is taking stores enough for a week. —Reuter.

30 KILLED IN
BARCELONA
BOMBING RAID

Barcelona, Jan. 25. The city was again bombed this morning when 12 insurgent planes dropped 30 bombs in the central and southern part of Barcelona, killing 30 and wounding over 50. The attack lasted only two minutes, and the inhabitants hardly had time to seek cover. —Reuter.

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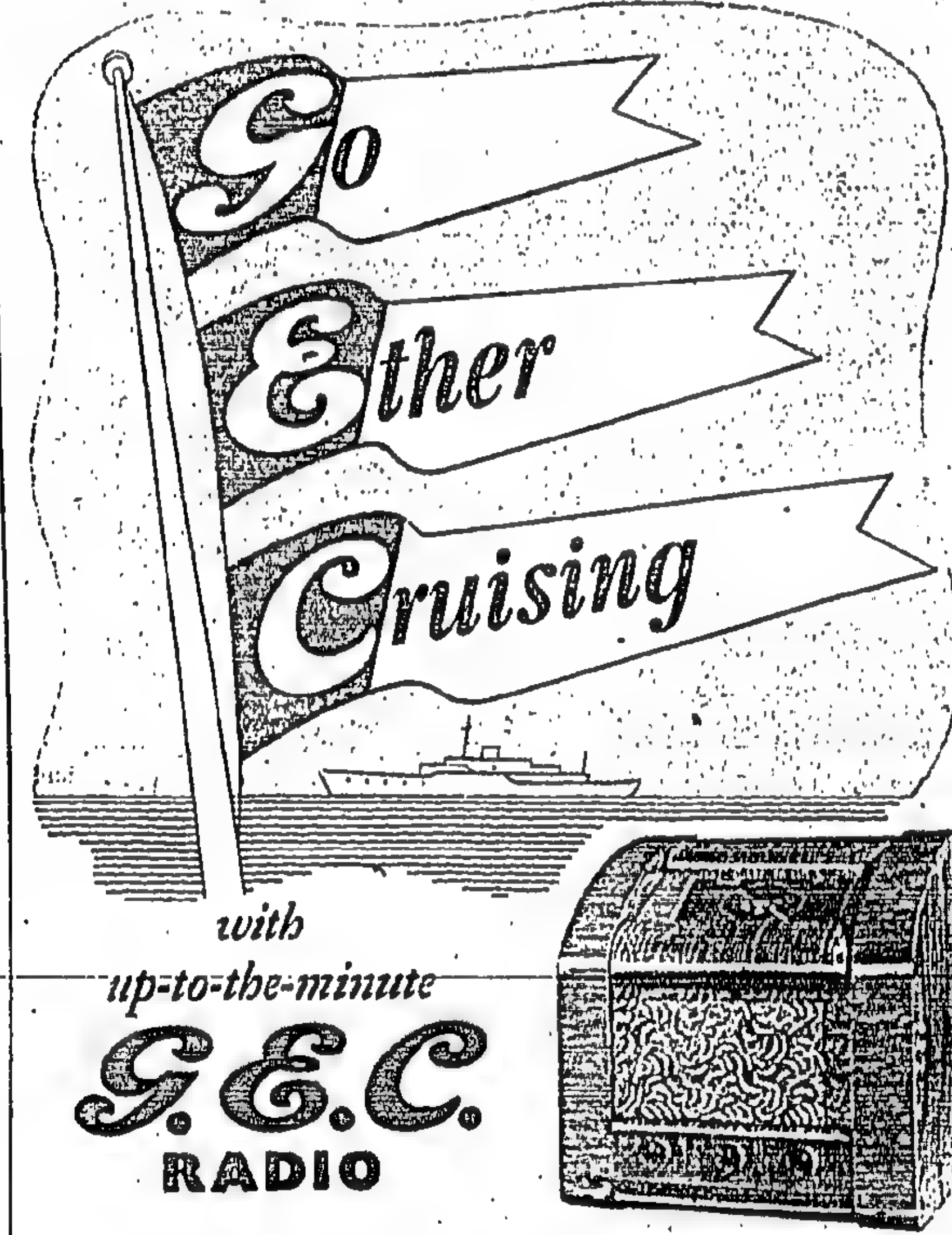
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FOOTBALL SELECTORS SHOULD START WORK NOW

FORWARD LINE PRESENTS THE BIG PROBLEM PREPARING FOR VISIT OF THE CORINTHIANS

(By "Abo")

The disappointment caused by the decision of the Hongkong Football Association not to send an Interport team to Shanghai has now given way to the greatest enthusiasm regarding the forthcoming visit of the Islington Corinthians, the famous English amateur soccer team, to the Colony.

As this will be the first time in the history of football in the Colony that an English team plays us the compliment of coming here, and in view of the splendid record of the Corinthians during their present world tour, it behoves the local soccer authorities to pick the best possible teams in the matches against the visitors.

Due to arrive from Malaya on February 19, the Corinthians are expected to play four matches in Hongkong during their stay of approximately two weeks. They commence their programme on Saturday, February 19, with a match against the South China A.A., who invited them here. On the following day, they will play the United Services. The visitors will rest until the next week-end when they will have two more engagements, playing the Civilians on February 26 and the whole of Hongkong on February 27.

Naturally South China and the Services will select their own representatives but it will be up to the Hongkong Football Association to pick teams to represent the Civilians and the Colony. Here, it is to be hoped, the best teams will be chosen.

A SUGGESTION

For whatever it is worth, I put forward the suggestion that the Association select the Civilian and Colony eleven as soon as possible, preferably about a fortnight before the arrival of the Corinthians, so that the players may have an opportunity of getting together and settling down as a team. Very often in the course of the present season we have seen 11 good individual players chosen for representative matches, but seldom have they satisfied local critics with regard to their combination as a team. This is where the Chinese have the advantage over other teams in the Colony in the big matches; and for this reason many experts are inclined to the view that the first game, between South China and the visitors, will be the best of the four.

Unless the Association selectors get to work right away to get the Civilian and Hongkong teams together, I personally agree with this view. There are enough good players here to be welded into a useful eleven, capable of offering reasonable opposition to the Corinthians. The thing to do is to pick them out now and let them get used to one another's type of play.

Let us leave the Chinese and the Services teams alone for the moment.

What material have we got for the Civilian and Hongkong teams?

First Division clubs from which Civilian players can be picked, apart from the South China A.A., are St. Joseph's Hongkong F.C., Kowloon F.C., Police, Eastern and Kowloon Chinese. As South China will be the only club to field its own side against the Corinthians, it does not seem fair that any of the Caroline Hill players should be chosen to play for the Civilian. For this purpose I shall deal with players from the other six clubs mentioned.

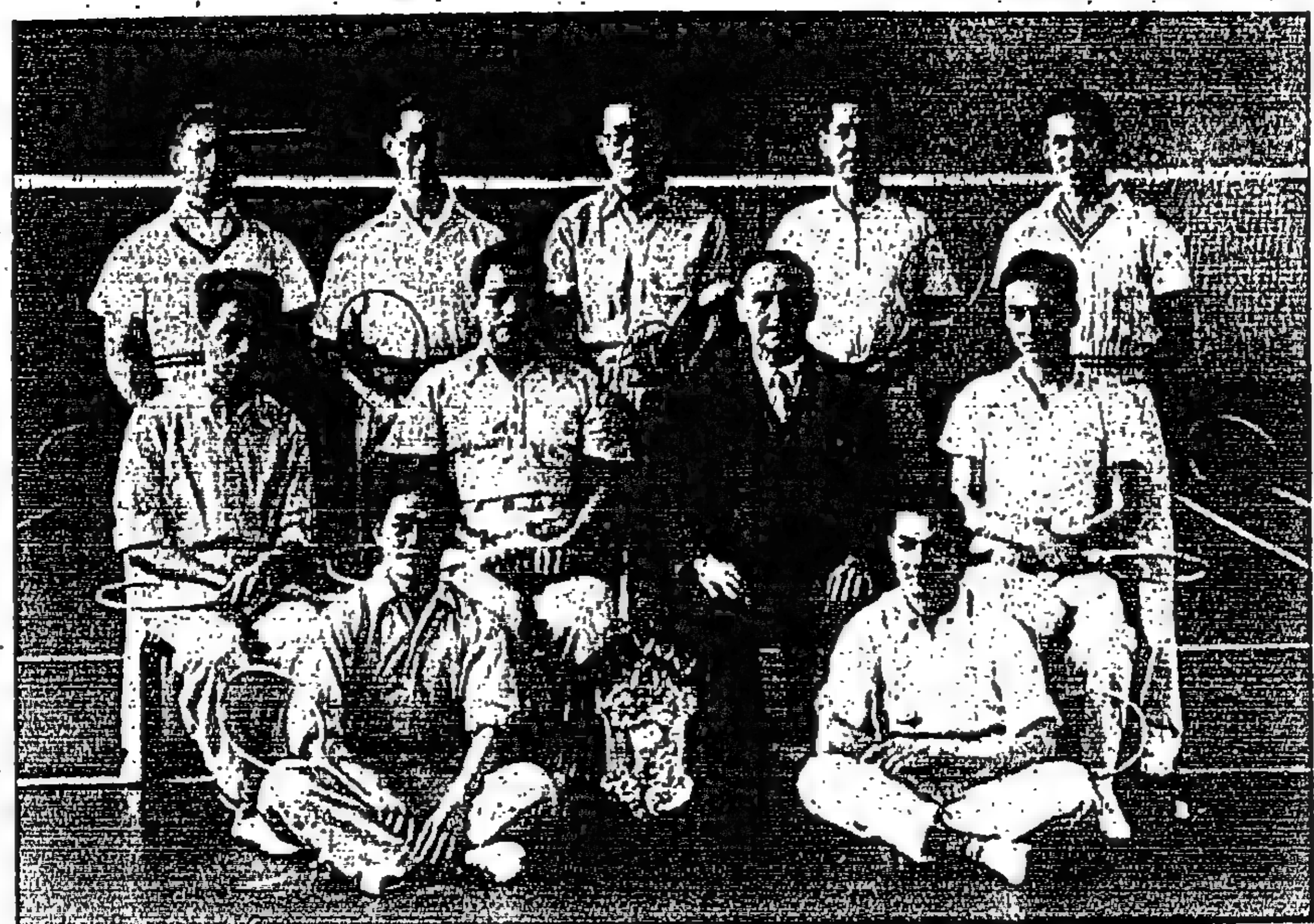
AVAILABLE MATERIAL

First of all, a goal-keeper. Manning (Police) turned out for the Civilian in the Lai Wah Cup recently, and though I applauded his selection, his display that day against the Chinese left plenty of room for improvement. However, if he is not chosen, we have only two others who are capable of stepping into his shoes. They are Sammy Tsang (Eastern) and R. Marques (St. Joseph's). However, neither of these two can be relied upon, with any degree of confidence to do better than the Police officer; therefore I think Manning would be as good as any of the selectors can pick.

The full-back berths present a more ticklish problem. Those who have been seen in action in some of the more important matches are Hussain and Costa (St. Joseph's), Pile (Police) and Ulrich (Kowloon F.C.). In my opinion the two finally to be selected should be amongst these four. Of these, only one, Hussain, plays regularly at right back; the other three are usually on the left. Pile, of course, is the most experienced of the lot, having played at left back for a number of years for the Police and for Hongkong in the Interport against Shanghai. In Costa and Ulrich, however, he has two rivals who will run him very close for the honour. As regards the right back position, unless the Association can find a better man, Hussain may find himself included for lack of competition. If the Association selectors are not satisfied with him, Pile could be shifted from left to right to let in either Costa or Ulrich; or they may care to keep a look-out for Bone, the Police defender, who despite his bulk, is not a slow mover.

THE HALF BACKS

I have only seen N. Beltrao play once this season, when he turned out at centre-half for St. Joseph's in the



Group photo, taken recently, of the King's College Badminton Club with the Junior Shield which they won last year. Standing (left to right)—K. L. Lai, W. M. Cheung, H. N. Chung, T. Lam and W. C. Chung. Seated—J. Pau (Hon. Secretary), S. H. Chan (Capt.), Mr. W. Kay (Headmaster), H. T. Woo (vice-captain). Sitting on floor—K. H. Lo and H. K. Woo. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Welsh Rugby Team Chosen

London, Jan. 25.

The following players have been selected to represent Wales in the International rugby match against Scotland at Murrayfield on February 5: Jenkins; Clement; Idwal; Rees; W. Wooller; Bassett; Tanner; Cliff Jones (Capt.); E. Morgan; Travers; H. Rees; F. L. Morgan; Watkins; McCarley; Vickery and A. M. Rees.—*Reuter*.

No change has been made from the side which defeated England at Cardiff on January 15 except that W. Wooller, who was hurt, has now returned to the team in place of Claude Davey.

Shield match against Kowloon. Considering that he had not played for nearly a full season, I thought his performance was very good indeed, since then and thus he may not be favoured by the selectors. I agree that a man who plays week after week should be preferred to one who only turns out occasionally, no matter how good he was. Still, it is a pity too late for this former Interport pivot to get into trim. He is always in condition as he plays cricket and hockey regularly and should not find great difficulty in getting into shape. Apart from Beltrao, there is only A. S. Bliss, of the K.F.C., if Beltrao is played, I suggest that C. F. Remedios, the former Shanghai Interport captain, be included at right-half and that Bliss goes to left half, which position he filled with credit in the Governor's Cup match last Saturday. It is a good intermediate line, judging by local standards anyway.

Forward I think D. Knox will be a natural choice as leader of the attack—if the injury he sustained last week does not keep him out. I have the greatest respect for that left foot of his; the only complaint I have to make is that he does not use it more often. With the shot that he picks in that boot, he does not need to get past the backs before letting fly. The only other certainty, to my mind at least, is Lau Ching-to, the speedy Eastern left-winger. There is such a dearth of outstanding Civilian forwards that I cannot for the life of me think of anyone better than the rest to fill the three remaining positions. The outside right berth is going to be particularly difficult. Until I have formed a better opinion, I will not make any suggestions.

COLONY SIDE

The Colony team should be easier to pick. It is a thousand pities that so many of our best Service players will be leaving before the Corinthians arrive. Rowlands, definitely first choice as goalie, will be away, and it seems to me that the next best is Tam Kwan-hon, of South China "B." Webster, whose claims for inclusion at right back are very strong, will not be here; so we might do worse than take Mak Siu-hon and Li Tinsang as the backs. These two have a fine understanding and I am sure they will not let the Colony down. If the selectors are not keen on Mak, they might move Li to right back and include either Pile, Ulrich or Costa at left back.

As far as I can see, the centre-half position will be fought out between Bright (Middlesex and Army), Lau King-choi (South China) and Beltrao (St. Joseph's). On present form, both Bright and Lau King-choi are quite as good as Beltrao was two years ago. There seems to be a great deal of support for Land, the

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MANILA BOXING REVIVED

And Gives Russian Lad His Chance

Manila, Jan. 20.

War in Shanghai started a revival in Manila's boxing industry and gave Andre Shaleff a push down what he hopes is a short-cut to fame and fortune.

Shanghai's "Bloody Saturday" forced cancellation of Shaleff's third bout with Young Alde, Filipino fighter, and sent the 18-year-old Russian out of the war zones to the Philippines.

The refugee-pugilist was manna from hell to the Sangle Brothers, Filipino promoters attempting to give a clean start to a boxing business which had been of a character dubious enough to make good foreign talent wary of Manila.

The Sangle brothers warned Shaleff up in a bout with Fuji Murata, Japanese boxer whom he knocked out in the second round. In the meantime, Young Alde had also fled the war zones and returned to Manila. Shaleff decided to take 10 rounds and Filipino fight fans decided the Russian was Number One among the refugees Shanghai has sent to Manila.

Fighting Carlos, next on the list of opponents, fouled Shaleff in a bout so riotous that even the sports writers could not agree next morning in which round the fight was stopped. But they all remembered the Shanghai youth looked good enough to be rated the best contender for the Orient's welterweight title claimed by Clever Henry.

Clever Henry, who is appropriately named, was returning at the time from a barnstorming tour of Australia, where he lost two bouts, drew one and won 10 including a tenth-round knockout over Todd Morgan, former world champion.

Contracts were signed when Henry arrived and the bout was set for January 22. It will mark Shaleff's graduation from a dinky outdoor boxing park to Rizal Memorial Stadium, one of the Far East's most modern athletic plants. The promoters anticipate a full house, some 8,000 spectators.

Shaleff thinks the title is as good as won. His manager, Heinrich Seelig, brother of the once well-known middleweight Eric Seelig, doesn't want to talk about it; it's bad luck.

Seelig admitted, however, the boy's future depends largely on the bout with Henry. He hinted he hoped to try richer boxing fields if Shaleff wins, but said he would make no plans until after the fight. He professed to have attractive offers from Honolulu and Singapore. Seelig said Shaleff began his

Olympic Plans Are Proceeding

Japan Sends Delegate To Cairo Meeting

Tokyo, Jan. 20.

Final proof of Japan's determination to hold the Olympic Games in spite of the present crisis was seen today in the appointment of Prof. Jigoro Kano as chief Japanese delegate to the International Olympic Committee's session in Cairo.

Dr. Tsunekazu Kinoshita, adviser to the Japan Amateur Athletic Federation, has formally accepted a nomination to represent Japan at a meeting of the International Track and Field Federation in London. Prof. Kano will sail from Kobe on February 3 aboard the ss. Fushimi Maru en route to Cairo. In Hongkong or Singapore he will board an Imperial Airways plane to reach Cairo before March 10, the opening day of the meeting.

OTHER DELEGATES

It was also announced today that Mr. Werner Klingenberg, German technical adviser to the Tokyo Olympic Organising Committee, who recently inspected the sports facilities in many parts of Japan, will sail from Yokohama on February 3 aboard the Empress of Russia for London by way of America to attend the International Track and Field meeting. Later he will proceed to the Cairo session.

Dr. Kinoshita will sail from Yokohama on February 25 on board the N.Y.K. liner Heian Maru for London by way of the United States.—*Domei*.

KHO SIN-KIE WINS TENNIS MATCH

Monte Carlo, Jan.

Playing with the Irishman G. L. Rogers, the Chinese tennis player Kho Sin-kie defeated the French-Monacan team of Ademan and Landau by 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 2-6.

In the men's doubles of the international tennis championships now being held here.

Shaleff will probably outweigh Henry five or six pounds in the title bout. Henry, a Filipino, also claims the lightweight crown of the Orient. His manager, Harry Fenmore, said Henry trained so thoroughly he was in condition January 14 and had to be tapered off to prevent over-training.—*United Press*.

AUSTRALIA HAS HER PROBLEMS AS WELL

Greatest Faith In Spin Bowling

In a recent despatch from Adelaide to the London Daily Express, William Pollock, the well-known cricket writer, discusses Australia's problems in picking a team to tour England this summer. This is what he says:

One of those becoming careworn men who have to take the responsibility of picking the fourteen to under Don Bradman's captaincy (Don has not yet been appointed captain, but Australia assumes he will be), tells me that there are "four major problems." They are:—

- (1) Opening batsmen;
- (2) Middle batsmen;
- (3) Spin bowlers;
- (4) Wicketkeepers.

I know a fifth: Which of seven or eight young players to choose, which to leave out?

SLOW IN THE FIELD
Jack Fingleton, W. A. Brown (in England last tour), and Kenneth Rigg cannot all come as openers. Rigg is slow in the field, and Fingleton and Brown do not go through with their strokes sufficiently to get on top of bowling early in an innings.

Badcock may be one of the openers; he is the most forceful stroke player in Australia just now, the sort to get a hundred before lunch if he starts right. He is a cross between Bradman and Patsy Hendren.

The Don will probably bat number three, and McCabe, now, in my opinion, the most fluently controlled stroke-maker in cricket, number four. I shall not be surprised if our old friend Clipperton—who was 99 not out at lunch in his first Test at Nottingham in 1934, went foodless during the interval, and was out (still 99) immediately they resumed play—gets into the team. He is such a useful cricketer and the best slip felder the Australians have.

"FLEETWOOD" IS CERTAIN
They are thinking very hard about how many spin bowlers to bring. Some say two will be enough, others that three should be taken. There are three in the running. Fleetwood-Smith, Grimmett, and Ward, to whom Sir Julien Cahn made an offer last year. You can write "Fleetwood" down as a certainty, just as you can name Bill O'Reilly as the stock bowler of the side.

So Bradman—according to a letter written to ex-England captain Arthur Gilligan, and quoted back here—thinks that England's "crying need" is spin bowlers. "Australia's attack for years has been based on length and spin. What handsome dividends that policy has paid," Bradman is reported.

Up to a point yes: O'Reilly and Charlie Grimmett beat us in 1934 in England, and here last year, against "Gubby" Allen's team, O'Reilly, Fleetwood-Smith, and Ward took, between them, fifty-five wickets in the Tests.

SPIN BOWLING FALLACY
Arthur Gilligan is quoted as saying "England has relied too much on fast bowlers in the past and I

expect the selectors will go on playing fast bowlers. But we have some good spin bowlers, and I think it would be a good idea to put them in the next Tests."

Unless Ian Peebles, Jim Sims and Walter Robins make strong come-backs next season I find it difficult to think of any very good spinners we have—spinners likely to do much against batsmen who are brought up from the cradle on "Bosie" bowling, as they call it here.

True, there are also Holles, of Warwickshire, and Peter Smith, of Essex, who is one of the best of the lot, to my mind, but who never gets a chance in the big games. But please to remember this:—

Don is a very astute young man; he knows that most of his players are likely to do better against spin bowling than against pace bowling, just as he knows that some of England's Test match batsmen get the jitters when they see the spin stuff coming on.

Never mind; time enough for that. Meanwhile, it is good to see that he thinks both England and Australia will have better teams in 1938 than they had out here last tour. That can well be so.

Wong Wing Returns To Local Soccer

Playing For China Against Scotland

The team announced to represent China in the semi-final round of the International Charity Football Cup against Scotland on Chinese New Year Day includes Wong Wing—the former Interport goal-keeper, whose appearances this season have been very rare. His return this week is taken to mean that he may play against the Islington Corinthians.

The International match will be played at Caroline Hill, commencing at 3.45 p.m.

The Chinese team is: Wong Wing; Mak Siu-hon, Li Tinsang; Lau Hing-toi, Lam Tak-po, Leung Wing-chung, Yeung Shuk-yik, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Lau Ching-to.

Reserves: Chung Kin-fai, Lo Wal-kuen, Lau Chung-sang, Cheung Mun-wing, Tam Kwan-kon, Kwok Ping-chung.

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Roosevelt Fights Wage Reductions

Must Increase If Prosperity To Be Restored

Washington, Jan. 25. President F. D. Roosevelt, at a press conference to-day, emphasised that he opposed wage reductions because the markets of American industry depend on the purchasing power of the working population, which must be increased and not decreased if they wanted to restore prosperity.

There might be a special hourly wage situation in some of the building trades, requiring different treatment, but even there the primary purpose was to increase and not decrease in the total annual pay of the workers.

With regard to prices, the President said mass production in industry depended on volume for profits, and the only way to obtain volume was to produce goods at a price the public would pay. But that did not mean at such a price that the reductions would have to come out of wages.

If industries reduced wages this winter and spring they would deliberately encourage the withholding of buying and foster the downward spiral, and make it necessary for the Government to consider other means of creating purchasing power.

President Roosevelt said he made the statement because a few of the industries were in the process of reducing wages in some sections, and there had been rumours of lower wages elsewhere.

He stated that his defence message to Congress would be ready on Thursday or Friday.

Representative Taylor, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee said the message would not be startling, but added: "The United States is getting ready to defend itself" and that the recent conference had been characterised "by the general determination to brace up on our preparedness."—Reuter.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Business Done	Prices in Pesos
Antamok	24
Atok	24
Barako	24
Consolidated Mines	21 1/2
Coco Grove	20
Consolidated Mines	20 1/2
Demonstration	41
I.R.M.	41
Paracale Gumau	Unquoted
San Maurice	10 1/2
Silve	10 1/2
United Paracale	40 1/2

The tone of the market—Firm.

ITALIANS WIN NEW RECORDS

Marvellous Flight From Rome To Rio

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 25. With several new records in their possession, two of the three Italian planes which hopped off from Rome on Monday in formation flight to Rio de Janeiro, reached their destination at 10 p.m. G.M.T., the machines arriving including one piloted by Bruno Mussolini, second son of 35 Duce, who took only 30 hours 35 minutes for the trip.

The third machine is at present in Port Natal where it landed after successfully crossing the south Atlantic.

All three planes flew at a tremendous speed throughout the entire trip. They flew from Rome to Dakar at an average speed of 200 m.p.h., and from Dakar to Port Natal in approximately 8 1/2 hours, which is 1 1/2 hours less than the record established by the French fliers, Codos and Reine last December.—Reuter Special.

FOKIS FINED FOR CRUELTY

Charged with cruelty to 12 chickens in Main Street West, Shaui-kwan, two restaurant foks, Wong Kwai-keung, 18, and Chan Yat-hung, 18, were each fined \$5 by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning. Inspector A. Wright said that the chickens were in a very small basket. They were tied by their legs in three lots, and the chickens at the bottom were almost dead. Two ducks were actually dead in the bottom of the basket.

BANISHEES GO TO PRISON

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was imposed on Leung Sze, 23, unemployed, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when he was charged with returning from a term of 10 years banishment, imposed on July 25, 1937. Sub-Inspector H. G. Hallam prosecuted. Lam Shing, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Mr. C. B. Burgess at the Central Magistracy this morning for returning to the Colony before the expiration of his ten years' banishment term.

JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS FOR MANCHUKUO

Shanghai, Jan. 26. According to the Mukden correspondent of Dohm, the Manchuria Development Company plans to settle 100,000 young Japanese immigrants in Manchukuo this year.—United Press.

FOOTBALL SELECTORS SHOULD START WORK NOW

(By "Abo")

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R.E. pivot, who although playing in junior football, is definitely up to First Division standard. I am afraid I have not seen enough of him to say whether he is better than Bright or Lau Hing-chol. The only time I saw him play this season was in the Junior Shield match between the Engineers and the Navy. But if he is better than either Bright or Lau, he must be very good indeed. I think the Selectors should bear him in mind and give him a trial, if trials are to be held. Of the Army wing-halves, Williamson (Seaford) and Evans (Fusiliers and Kowloon) will not be here; thus we are robbed of two men who might possibly be included otherwise. If Lau is selected, I think it would be wise to have Leung Wing-chiu in as well, as right-half, because these two have a fine understanding.

In any case I don't think the intermediate line will be appreciably weakened whichever three the Selectors pick among Bright, Lau, Leung, Beltrae, Bliss, Lee Kwok-wai and C. F. Remedios.

FORWARD PROBLEM

As in the Civilian side, the forwards are again the problem. It is easier here, because in Yeung Shui-yick and Hui Ching-to we have the two speediest wingers in the Colony. I think the centre-forward position lies between Knox and Calvert of the Army. Fung King-cheung may be preferred in some quarters, but it is a well-known fact that away from his team-mates, Fung is seldom at his best. The same may be said of Lai Shiu-wing, who might otherwise be given a chance to play either inside left or inside right. He is a more dangerous forward when spoon-fed by Fung, whose type of play, however, may not make headway against the visitors. I would like to see Saw of the Middlesex Regiment given a trial. He is a very clever inside forward, but at the same time he is very erratic in his shooting; more than once I have seen him balloon the ball over the bar from only a few yards out! An improvement in his shooting, and he would be almost a certainty, to my mind. Others who should be tried as inside forwards are Howlett (whose greatest fault is lying too far back), David Leonard, J. Gomes, Lau Chung-sang, Soong, Ling-sing (Eastern), Jorge (Kowloon) and Lee Tack-kee (Eastern).

FRAUD CHARGE ADJOURNED

COUNSEL WANTS MORE INFORMATION ON SECOND COUNT

Charged with the fraudulent conversion of \$1,000, and embezzlement of \$4,000, Mong Wing-shun, 40, managing partner of Messrs. Batten and Co., China Building, appeared on remand on bail of \$10,000 before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. G. K. Hall-Bruton appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. P. H. Sin for the defence.

Referring to the second charge of embezzlement, Mr. Sin said that it accused defendant of embezzling \$4,000 from the Tai Wah Company, Counsel had no knowledge of that

MAKING U.S. SAFE FROM INVASION

President To Ask For Huge Sums

Washington, Jan. 25.

Following a conference between congressional, naval and financial leaders, President F. D. Roosevelt announced that he would have his special message to Congress ready on Thursday. He clearly indicated that the defence programme will embrace both the army and navy, saying that the conference reviewed the present situation from many angles, covering army and navy needs.

Meanwhile those close to the President assert that the purpose of the message is to make the United States impregnable from invasion. In addition to the expedited request for two more battleships and at least two scout cruisers and other surface craft, it is said that the message will ask for appropriations to remedy what both the army and navy regard as an alarming shortage of ammunition, ammunition-making machinery, anti-aircraft guns, anti-aircraft control machinery and other equipment. It is reported that the President will ask for funds with which to guarantee protection against aviation, and the construction of warships which will be capable of carrying the war into the enemy's territory.

It is said that the message will ask for between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 for modern power-making machinery thus eliminating one of the several "bottlenecks" existing in the national defence. The message will also probably ask for between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 for anti-aircraft materials.

Altogether it is hoped to obtain between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 in supplementary appropriations, about \$1,000,000 of which will be used for the organisation of an enlisted reserve.—United Press.

ROBBERIES REPORTED

More thefts from local residences were reported to the police yesterday. Mrs. A. Blum, of 21 Humphrey Building, lost a finger ring worth \$80 when some person gained admittance to her bedroom.

Mr. Wright, of 1 Leighton Hill Road, reported the loss of \$10 worth of clothing from his house.

An amah, Sheung Shun, employed at 550 the Peak, reported that some person stole jewellery valued at \$170 belonging to her between January 21 and 24.

firm, nor did he know the address. He had to have that information in order to prepare his defence. Counsel had written to Mr. Bruton asking that he disclose the address of the Tai Wah Company, and also to intimate whether the \$4,000 embezzled was in cash or cheque.

Mr. Bruton replied that he had not refused anything. Defendant himself knew perfectly well about the Tai Wah Company, as it was he who had given the order to the cashier to make the entry in the books of Batten and Co.

Mr. Sin said that the defence was not admitting that.

Mr. Bruton said he could not give the desired information, as he knew nothing of the Tai Wah Company. The prosecution's case was that it was a fictitious firm put forward by defendant for the purpose of obtaining the money.

His Worship noted Mr. Sin's application, and adjourned the case formally for another week.

Rescue Party Near Death By Starvation

Thrilling Story From British Guiana

Georgetown, British Guiana, Jan. 25.

Word has been received that the motor launch "Wolf Cub," owned by a gold miner named De Souza, has rescued the Waldeck expedition, composed of Theodore J. Waldeck, the New York explorer, and his wife Joe Bessie, Dr. Frederick J. Fox of Boston and William Asot Candler, New York sportsman. The expedition had been seeking Paul Redfern, an explorer who has been lost for some time.

Native boatmen abandoned the party about three weeks ago. It is reported that De Souza found the party at Devil's Hole Island, up the Cuyuni River "nearly eaten alive" with mosquitoes, and practically without food except for the flesh of a few animals they occasionally caught. Vicious ants depleted their supplies.

The rescuer described how Mrs. Waldeck was insistent upon continuing up-river for a two-day trip to Warwah, where they expected to find an American engineer and to hear news of Redfern. However the trip could not be made immediately owing to the physical condition of the party.—United Press.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio: Shinwa, Pingwo, Shinkyo Maru, Norviken, Claus Rickmers, Corfu, President Doumer, Empress of Asia, Yuensang, Taiyuan, Silverleaf, Cape St. Francis, Alipore, Shikara, Nellore, Teucer, Burdwan, Inkone Maru, Conte Rosso.



A SPECIMEN CASE

Case No. 2323

Father unemployed and returned to the country; mother an unlicensed fish-hawker. Three changes of diet were needed before the child, who could not take milk, was able to grow teeth. Congee was tried first, then oatmeal and now with beef soup and cod-liver oil, the child is going on well. Her older sister of twelve attends the new Amah Training Class which Miss Seto is conducting at the western Centre.

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The SNAPSHOT GUILD
CHILDREN

When taking pictures of children snap them in a natural pose—doing something.

"STAND up straight now and look at me." "Put your hands down, darling, and smile. I want to get a good picture to send to Aunt Minnie."

Haven't you heard these two and many similar expressions on the part of parents when they are taking snapshots of their children? Let's hope you are not numbered among them for unless your child is quite apt at posing the result will be a rather uninteresting snapshot which does not do the child justice. First of all, as you know, youngsters are the cutest when they are perfectly natural. If a lot of fuss is made to get them to stand just so, or an effort is made to get them to do a certain thing, the chances are they will look too posed in the finished print.

There are two types of child pictures, I might say: just plain record pictures and the other kind you should strive to get—story-telling pictures. A little tot standing straight as an arrow with arms stiffened against the sides of the body and staring at the camera in a good example of a record picture, but a picture of that same little tot making mud-pies, or playing traffic policeman, or having a story-telling picture with real human interest appeal.

Children's pictures should always be taken fairly close up, rarely more than ten feet from the camera. If you have an ordinary box camera don't get closer than six or eight feet unless a portrait attachment is

placed over the lens. With a portrait attachment you can get as close as three and a half feet to your subject and get sharp, distinct pictures that will show every curl and dimple. By moving a lever on the newer type box cameras, however, you can shoot as close as five feet to your subject without a portrait attachment.

With a folding camera of focusing type, the closer the subject is to the lens the more care is required in estimating the distance. Set the point on the distance scale at the number of feet between the lens and the child. If you change your position for succeeding pictures, be sure to change the pointer to the proper distance mark.

And watch your backgrounds. A nice, attractive background adds so much to your pictures. Telephone poles, wires, unattractive fences, garages, and what have you, often spoil an otherwise artistic, fascinating human interest picture. In fact, any prominent off-side object in the picture will detract from the interest in what the child is doing.

Here's another tip. Try to avoid having the sun shining directly in the child's eyes, for the poor little fellow can't help squinting under such conditions and neither could you. Let the sun come from the side. This gives an interesting lighting and what professionals call "roundness."

Follow these "tips" and you'll get real joy out of your snapshots.

John van Guilder

ARTICLE

Last article in Anthony Weymouth's series
If Mr. and Mrs. Smith Suffer from Nerves

Just relax your fears away

WHEN I said yesterday that you would do well to relax, did you wonder exactly what that meant? This is what I had in mind.

Nerves keep you strung up—you sit up tense, you lie down stiff as a poker, your arms and legs are rigid. This, of course, is the result, not the cause, of nerves.

But there is no reason why you shouldn't neutralise any "bad" tricks which your nerves have got you into. And once you have learned how to relax efficiently, and make a habit of it, you will get much less tired, Mr. Smith, and you will get ever so much more benefit from your leisure.

Try this. Lie down on a sofa or bed. Make yourself as limp as possible, and then get some one to lift an arm or leg. You will notice if it drops back like a dead weight. You will find, at first, that it is quite difficult to make yourself limp enough for this to happen.

Your limbs will fall slowly—because you won't have learned the trick of banishing tenseness and substituting limpsness. When you have—you will know exactly how to relax.

But you mustn't think that it is only your arms and legs that matter. You must learn to lie so that the muscles of your neck, for example, are quite limp, and your whole body is slack.

I shouldn't be surprised if the result is a bit of a revelation to you. And you will wonder why it has never occurred to you before.

In Two Minds

HERE are a few more facts about your mind. Do you remember that the phobia forces you to do something you don't want?

Well, that is why a phobia is one kind of compulsion neurosis. Ever heard of that before? This compulsion neurosis makes you feel you want to do things you don't really want to do. Sounds rather contradictory, doesn't it? Either you do or you don't!

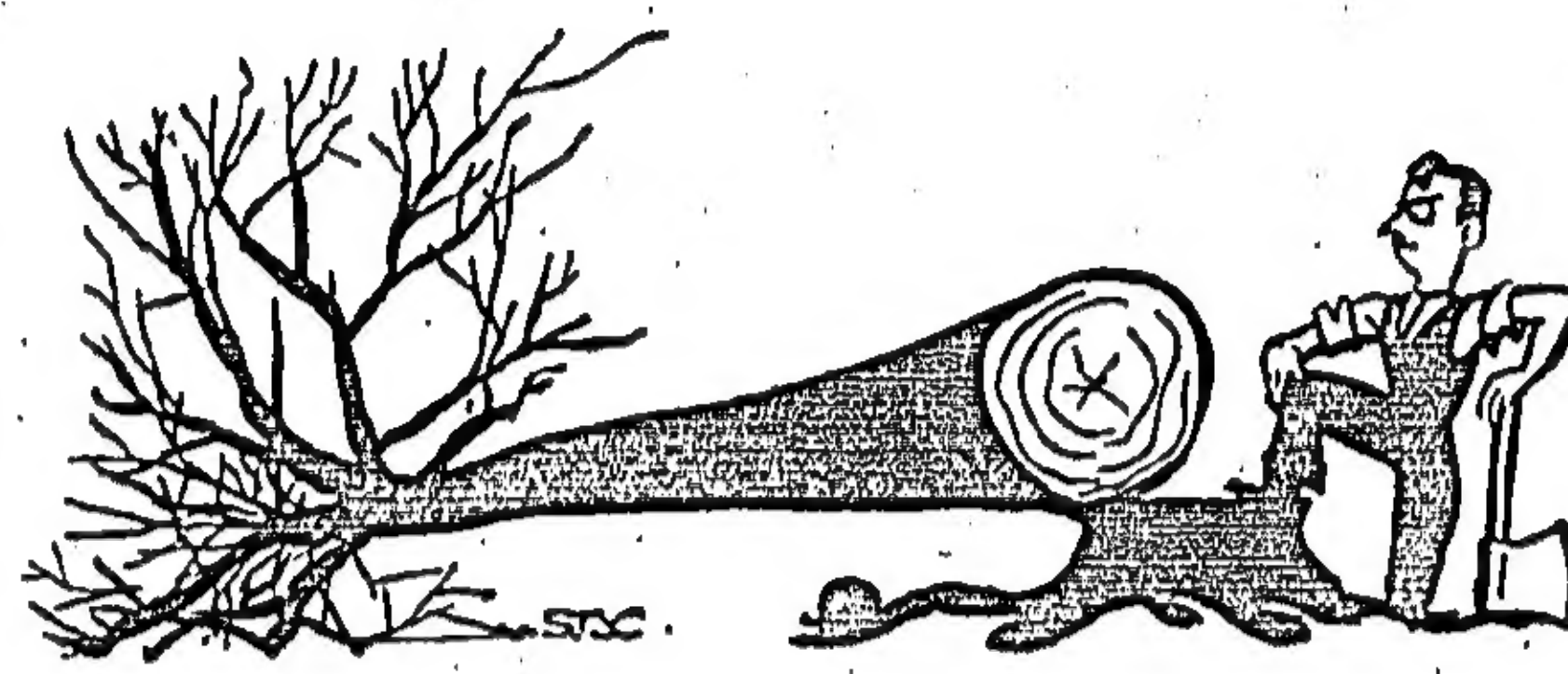
But it isn't really such nonsense as, at first sight, it seems. Disassociation explains it. This is what actually happens.

When you get this form of nerves, Mr. Smith, you lose, for the time being, your normal mental outlook. Instead of being able to make up your mind quickly you vacillate.

Ever heard the expression "He's in two minds" about something or other? Well, this is exactly what happens when you are dissociated. Instead of one stream of ideas you get two. And sometimes you find it a pretty difficult job to decide which you will take.

Result

NOW suppose that one set of ideas is working under the surface—you can't see what it is really trying to get at. All you know is that you feel the result of this working. And that is an urge to do something you don't really want to. When that happens you get the makings of a compulsion neurosis.



"That's the tree I've always been frightened of in the dark."

You see, your own judgment tells you that it is ridiculous to avoid walking on the cracks in the pavement, or to fuss about arranging ornaments or pictures in an exact or precise manner.

Somewhat you are unhappy if you have an urge of this sort and don't satisfy it. You also have a feeling (Note that is something different from an idea—see below.) that if you don't give in to this urge there will be trouble. So you do—and feel a fool.

Now what is behind all this compulsion stuff? Just this. We are all superstitious, Mr. Smith. You and I, and any one else who is really honest with himself. And we are all afraid of consequences.

The fellow who has got an attack of nerves is just a bit more jumpy than the fellow who hasn't. So when he gets the notion that unless he touches the lamp-post as he passes then something dreadful will happen—well, he just takes care to be on the safe side.

Just Obeys

AND now do you see where the feelings come in? He doesn't act as he does because he is a nit-wit and doesn't know he is being silly. He knows all right.

But he is allowing himself to obey the promptings coming from his unconscious, which are emotional, not reasoning. And so he is not able to take notice of those—which are more intelligent but less frightening.

If you have ever thought about nerves you will see why these underground impulses can sway you when you are nervous.

If you doubt that we are all superstitious at heart, watch the people who avoid ladders. Think of Fridays, the month of May, the colour green, and your own reactions to sitting down thirteen at a table.

Doesn't your own intelligence tell you plainly that you are silly to take notice of such things? They may have been good enough a thousand years ago, when people knew nothing of science, but nowadays—pooh! Yet what about it?

Does that make you any happier to get up first from a meal where there are thirteen people? Some one is sure to tell you a tale about a man who did this and died within a year.

Not Much Difference

YOU have spotted, of course, that there is a common

factor to both compulsion neuroses and superstition?

And that it's fear. But I wonder whether you have grasped something else—that there is precious little difference between the man who is fit and the man who has got jittery? It is only a matter of degree.

You, Mr. Smith, funk walking under a ladder. (Although I expect you will deny it.)

But, if you get nervy, you will funk it more, and you will add other things to funk to your repertoire. And then your life isn't too funny, is it?

Like Burglars

BUT what can be done about the compulsion neurosis?

I will tell you. The extraordinary thing is that nerves are rather like burglars—you don't see them at work, you only know that results. Equally, if you could find out what is going on you would perhaps be able to prevent those results.

Psychology shows what is underlying the phobia or the what-not, and when it has done that, hey presto! we are quite different. Instead of being afraid, we get a little bit of our confidence back and look the thing in the face.

I wouldn't be surprised if just reading about how it works hasn't made you despise its power a bit. I hope so, for that is the first step towards conquering the wretched thing.

Face Your Nerves

EVER had to walk through a wood in the dark? Every noise has seemed like some one hiding among the trees, hasn't it? Well, in the daylight you would know that it was only the wind among the branches.

Nerves are like that—the more you shut your eyes to them, the worse they are. The more you know about them and understand exactly how they get such a stranglehold on you, the less power they will have over you.

So, Mr. Smith, face your nerves as you face the income-tax demand. Don't shut them in a drawer and try to make yourself believe they don't exist. That makes them seem more powerful than they really are.

A careful examination will show you that these fears are swankers pretending that they have got you cold when they haven't.

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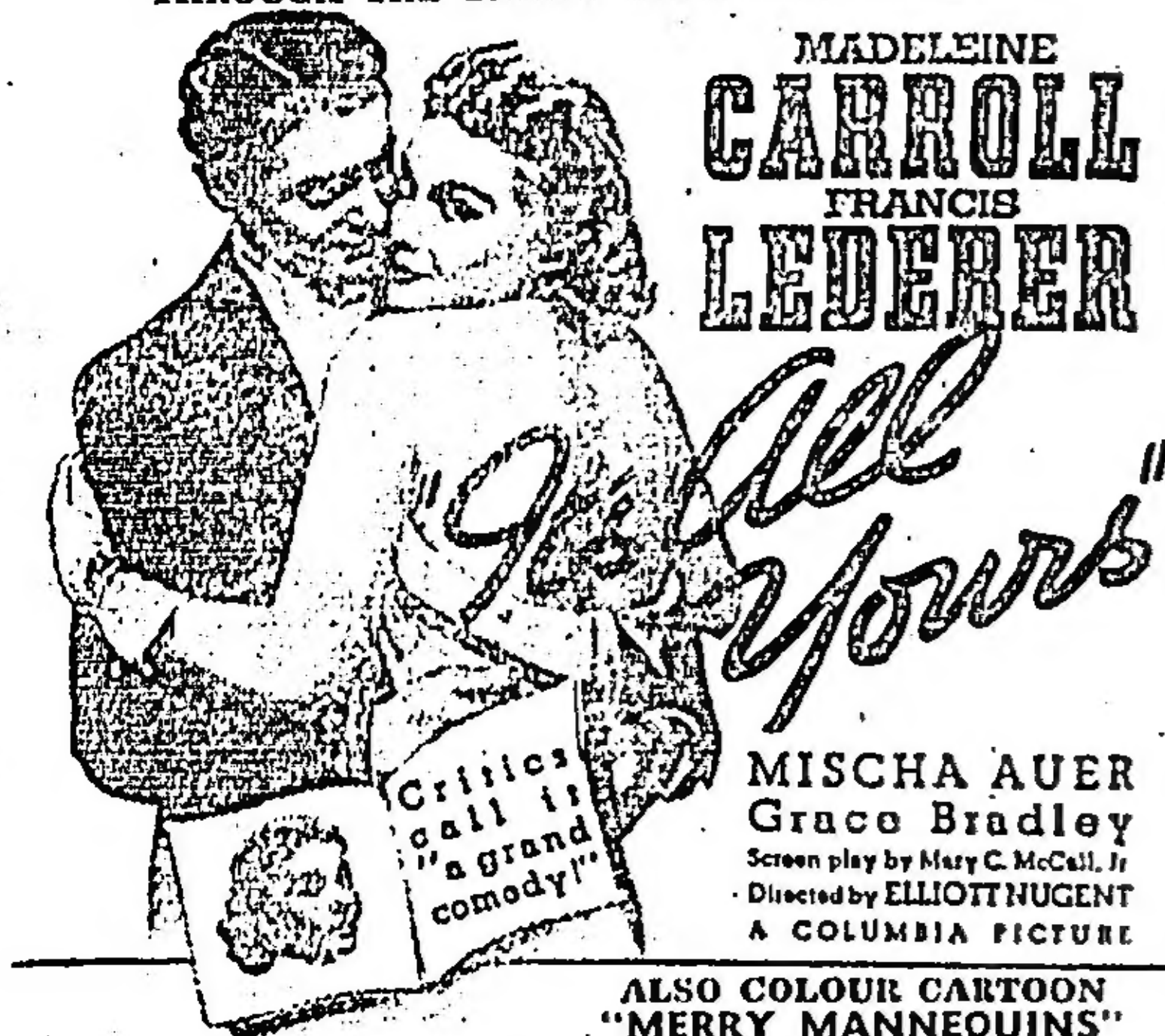
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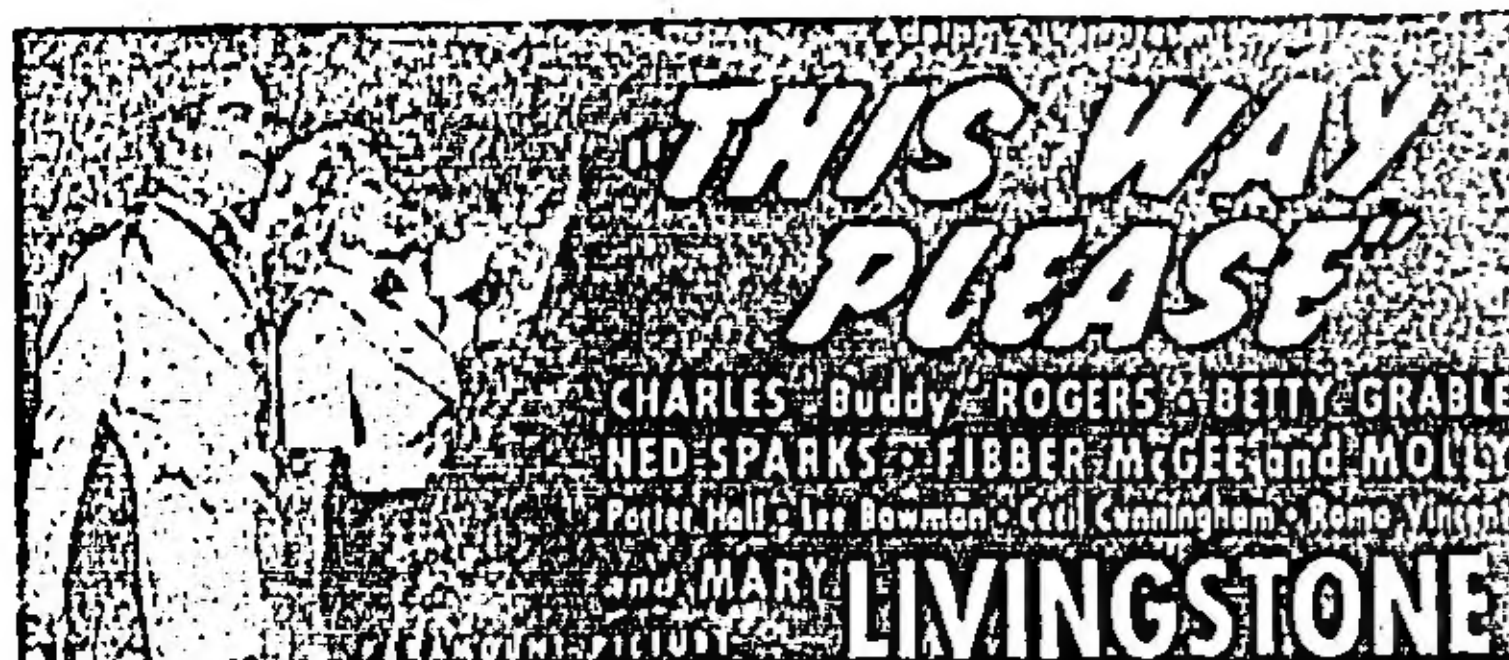
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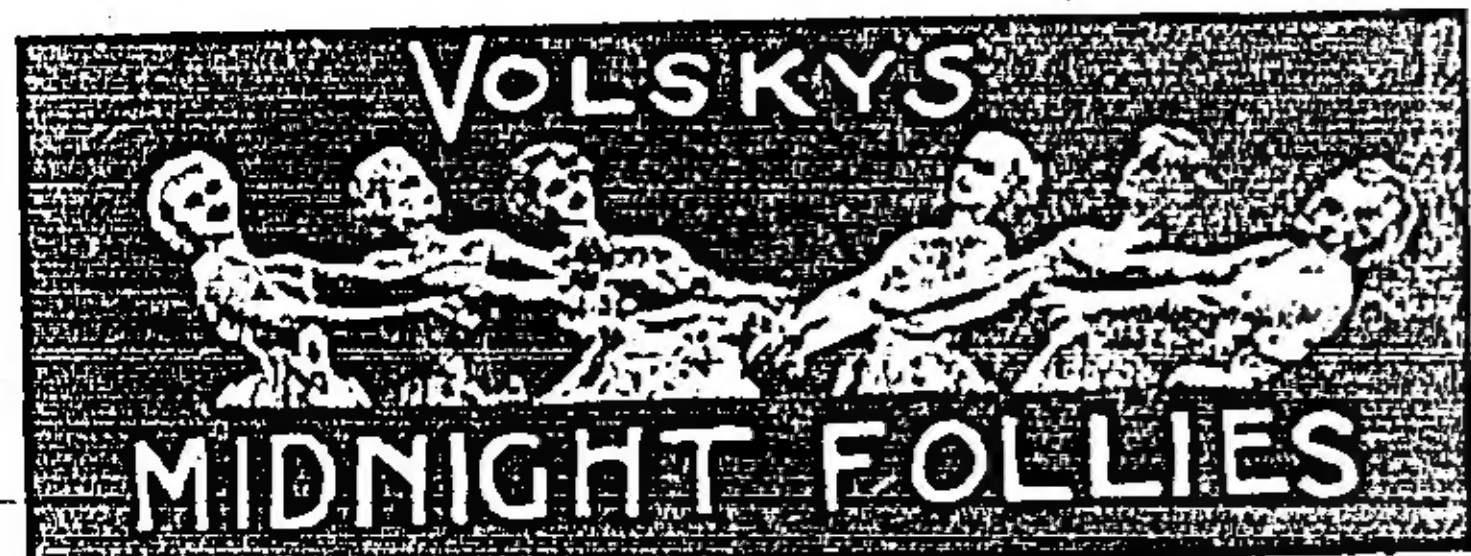
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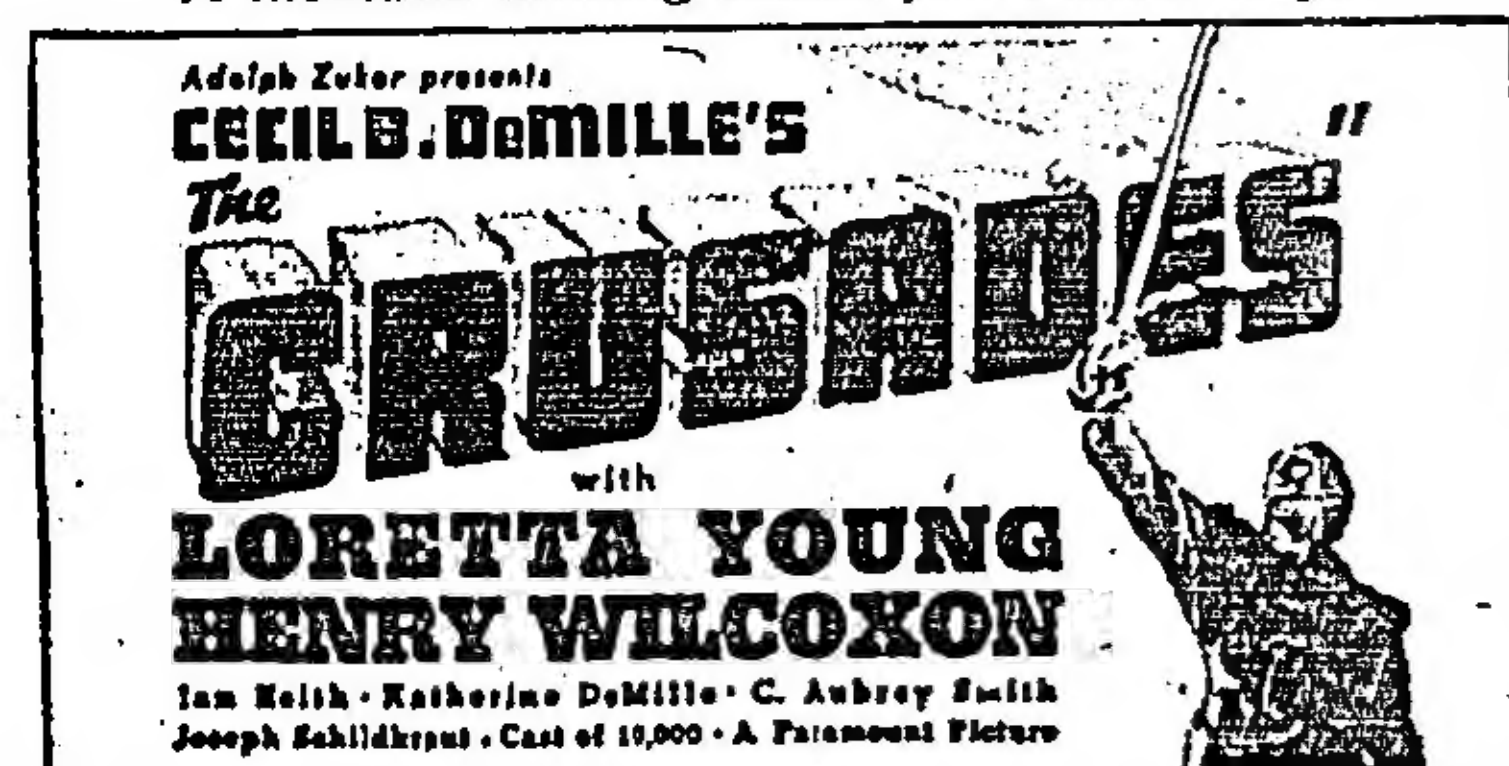
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REPORT DENIED
San Francisco, Jan. 25.
There is no labour trouble aboard the steamer Federal, according to the General Steamship Corporation agents. The vessel is loading scrap iron for Japan and the fact that a new crew is being sought led to waterfront rumours that the men may refuse to sail on Thursday. At present, however, they are continuing to work.—Reuter.

AID FOR RUBBER PRICES

Market Booms To New Quota

London, Jan. 25.
Considerable excitement prevailed on the rubber exchange to-day following the reduced quota announcement, and prices generally were marked up a farthing, and in some cases 5/16ths of a penny. Speculators, however, decided to take quick profits, and consequently the best levels were not fully held. The committee's action, which is interpreted as a gesture in order to raise the price. It is the general opinion that the average quota of 65 per cent. for the first half of the year makes ample allowance for the maintenance of the United States' consumption around the current level, but if the "American" industry—revives to any material extent, there is no question but that consumption will outstrip production.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET FLUCTUATIONS

London, Jan. 25.
There was a sharp rise in rubber shares on professional support following the quota cut on the London Stock Exchange to-day, but the rise was not altogether held. Gilt-edged securities remained firm and Kaffirs, after sagging, recovered on Paris enquiry.

Commodities and rubber advanced sharply, following the International Committee's decision to fix the export quota for the second quarter of 1938 at 60 per cent. compared with 70 per cent. for the first quarter. Later the market reacted, partially on profit-taking.

Foreign exchanges, in a burst of speculative selling, caused a sharp break in the franc. The rate weakened to 154.75 compared with 159.25 at the opening. French control only supported the franc until late in the afternoon, when they caught speculators on the wrong foot by bidding actively.—Reuter Special.

Eden, Delbos, Chautemps In Agreement

Paris, Jan. 25.
Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister, on route to Geneva, had conversations with M. Camille Chautemps, French Prime Minister, and M. Yvon Delbos, Foreign Minister, at the Quai d'Orsay, to-day, after which a communique was issued. It stated that the International situation was examined in all its aspects, and that the three Ministers found themselves in complete agreement regarding the manner in which they contemplated questions to be discussed at the League Council Meeting.—Reuter.

Later, Paris, Jan. 25.
Mr. Eden and M. Delbos left for Geneva at 10.20 p.m. It is understood the Anglo-French discussions were very cordial, included Spain and the Far East, and the question of joint or similar statements with regard to the League Covenant. It is understood that the effect will be to strengthen, rather than weaken the Covenant, and there will be no question of modifying Article 16.—Reuter.

Germans Get New View Of China Politics

Communist Influence Denied In Press

Berlin, Jan. 25.
An interview with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, which is remarkably sympathetic towards China, is published by the Deutsch Allgemeine Zeitung, from a special correspondent. In it he refutes the view entertained in many German circles and often expressed in the German press, that China is under Communist influence. The writer speaks of Chiang Kai-shek's anti-Communist campaign, and denies that Communism influences the political affairs of China. He quotes the Generalissimo as saying: "Guerrilla warfare is proceeding. No sort of offensive is possible at the present, but the organisation and filling-up of Chinese divisions will be completed by the end of February."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

JAPANESE SEEKING CREDITS

But For Indirect Use In Campaign Against China

London, Jan. 25.
A new drive on the part of the Japanese to secure foreign credits for indirect use in the China war is mentioned by the News-Chronicle, which points out that Japan has apparently abandoned hope of a direct State loan either in England or the United States. The Japanese Government's new move is to use private trading companies as a screen from behind which to obtain foreign credits. For instance, the South Manchurian Railway is negotiating in Switzerland with the Credit Suisse and others for a substantial loan. The Japanese Corporation of Foreign Trade, registered in Manchukuo, and the Heavy Industries Development Corporation of Japan have despatched emissaries to Europe and America to seek credits.—Reuter.

P. AND O. WITHDRAWS OLD LINER

Kaiser-I-Hind Soon Making Last Trip To Far East

London, Jan. 25.
The P. and O. liner, Kaiser-I-Hind, the last pre-war vessel of the Peninsula and Orient Line, will be withdrawn from the run in April when she will make her last trip from Japan. She broke the record in a run between Plymouth and Bombay on her maiden voyage, and she has since been on the Far East service, latterly as a relief ship. She was one of the six vessels which went to the rescue of the French liner, Georges Philippiar in 1932 in the Gulf of Aden. The French vessel was destroyed by fire on her return to France after a maiden voyage to the Far East.—Reuter.

BRITAIN TO TALK WITH SCILLY ISLES

London, Jan. 25.
The Postmaster-General will inaugurate a telephone service between the mainland and the Scilly Isles on Friday by a telephone talk from the post office at Salisbury to the Scilly Isles. The new service has been made possible by a short-wave radio link between Penzance and the Scilly Isles.—British Wireless.

ANGLO-INDIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

London, Jan. 25.
Negotiations between representatives of the Government of India and officials of the Board of Trade with a view to a new Anglo-Indian trade agreement to take the place of the Ottawa agreement will be resumed on Thursday next.—British Wireless.

HAINAN TRAINS RECRUITS

Canton, Jan. 25.
The Canton Gazette to-day publishes a report from Hainan that 10,000 Miao and Liao aborigines of the southern part of the island, are undergoing an intensive course of military training as "home guards". The report adds that these aborigines show much enthusiasm and they have completed their training they may be drafted to the war front.—Reuter.

VICEROY'S TOUR OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan. 25.
The Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow, and Lady Linlithgow, have returned by air to New Delhi from Hyderabad after a six weeks' tour of India.—Reuter.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Frank Grose, architect, residing at 55 Conduit Road, and Miss Stella Lee, of 60 Caine Road; Mr. Ahmed Allan Khan, newscaster, of 21 Thorne Road, Shanghai, and Miss Finney Lee, of 33 Van Chong Street, Kowloon, Kwong.

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OVERCOAT STOLEN
An overcoat, valued at \$40, was stolen from the purser's office on board the Empress of Russia yesterday, according to a report made to the police by Mr. W. Howard, of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company.
BAIL ESTREATED
Bail of \$50 was estreated from Kwong Kee, 46, barber, at the Central Magistracy this morning when Kwong failed to appear to answer a charge of keeping a common gaming house. Fifteen Chinese had their \$3 bail each estreated as inmates.

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